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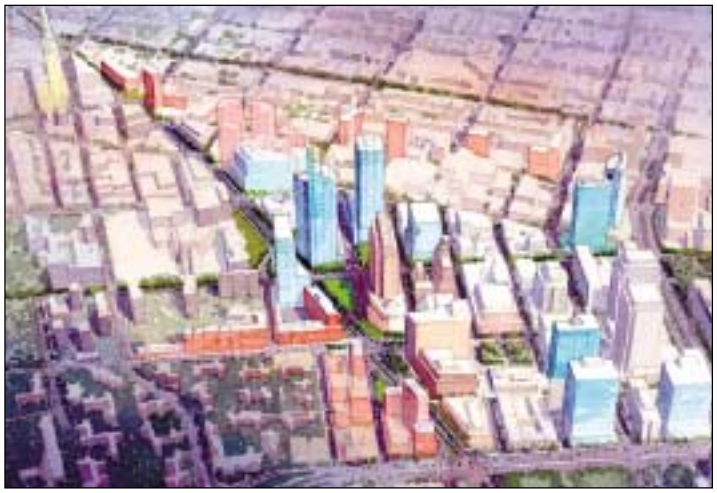
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# URBAN RENEWAL

## Downtown plan would seize 50 businesses, 130 apartments and a 60-year-old school



The city's new plan for Downtown Brooklyn suggests the erection of high-rise office buildings (pictured in blue) and open spaces (shown in green). The site surrounds the Metrotech campus and, in the rendering above, Tillary Street is at bottom, Adams Street is at right and Flatbush Avenue Extension is at left. The road at the top is Atlantic Avenue. The landmarked Williamsburgh Savings Bank building is at top left.

**By Deborah Kolben**
*The Brooklyn Papers*

To make way for a multibillion dollar redevelopment of Downtown Brooklyn, the city will seize seven acres of land including 130 residential units, a college and 50 to 60 stores.

The plan, certified Monday by the Department of City Planning to start the clock on a seven-month public review process, delineates four urban renewal areas where the city can use eminent domain to acquire the properties.

Owners of the buildings would be compensated and relocated once developers show interest in building on the land, said Regina Myer, Brooklyn's director of City Planning.

Vincent Battista, president of the Institute of Design and Construction, on Willoughby Street between Gold Street and Flatbush Avenue Extension, said that if the plan passes he would be forced to close the two-year college started by his father almost 60 years ago.

"Where are we going to go? We can't afford to move," said Battista, who said the school is able to operate because it owns the building and generates much-needed income by renting out space.

The plan calls for his building to be leveled, its site designated as open space.

The process recalls the development of the Civic Center in the 1950s and Metrotech campus in the '80s, during both of which the city claimed land under eminent domain.

The newly identified urban renewal areas include one along Myrtle Avenue between Flatbush Avenue Extension and Fleet Place in Fort Greene, which is to be used for residential development.

Three commercial areas would include a parcel on the eastern side of Adams Street between Fulton and Livingston streets, across the street from Brooklyn Law School; a parcel on the south side of Willoughby Street between Bridge and Duffield streets; and a mid-block parcel south of Willoughby Street between Duffield and Gold streets.

Property would also be seized to make way for open space and greenery on the triangle of land bounded by Flatbush Avenue Extension, and Gold Street and Willoughby streets; and a parcel on the south side of Willoughby Street, between Duffield and Gold streets.

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# Start Court St 'Y' as union cries foul

**By Deborah Kolben**
*The Brooklyn Papers*

As the YMCA broke ground Monday on its first new Brooklyn facility in almost 80 years, about 20 protestors gathered outside the site on Court Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Joined by the ubiquitous inflatable rat, union demonstrators slammed developer David Walentas and his Two Trees Management for hiring non-union workers.

"We want the best for the workers there," said Anthony Pugliese, a labor organizer for the New York City District Council of Carpenters.

Despite the protest, officials descended four stories into the large pit where they picked up shovels with red ribbons and cast away a small pile of dirt.

Walentas, known for his residential conversion of the once industrial DUMBO neighborhood, bought the former municipal parking garage at Court and Atlantic, leveled it and is now building a luxury apartment building with ground-floor retail and the 40,000-square-foot YMCA on the site.

The building will include 248 luxury rental units, an underground public parking garage, and 20,000 square feet of retail space on the Court Street side.

Just as officials were lifting shovels in Brooklyn for the Dec. 1 ground-breaking ceremony, officials in Manhattan kicked off the city land use review process of a major Downtown Brooklyn rezoning plan that proposes to double the amount of office space and turn the area into a major commercial hub. (See story at left.)



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Liz Ann Doherty, Eileen O'Connor Dan Doctoroff and Paula Glavin help break ground on Monday.

Deputy Mayor Dan Doctoroff, who oversees the city's economic development agencies, joined Monday morning's ceremony and touted the YMCA as a key to the redevelopment of the area.

"Not only will [the YMCA] help build our next generation of leaders from communities throughout Brooklyn, it will serve as an important anchor for economic redevelopment in this neighborhood," Doctoroff said.

With all the potential building in Brooklyn, Pugliese said it was crucial to encourage developers to hire union laborers.

Councilman David Yassky has been setting up meetings between developers and unions in the area to encourage them to work together.

*See **YMCA** on page 6*

# Pro-shelter Gardeners call for biz boycott

**By Deborah Kolben**
*The Brooklyn Papers*

The Mazzone Hardware store on Court Street has been selling everything from nuts and bolts to toilet parts in Carroll Gardens for the past 50 years.

But now a group of outraged residents are asking shoppers to boycott the family-owned business until they pull a free advertisement for their store from a neighborhood Web site that has taken a stand against a planned shelter for battered Asian women and their children.

Mazzone is just one of several stores on the boycott list.

Supporters of the Carroll Gardens shelter, which is scheduled to open in the next few weeks, are calling for a boycott of all merchants who have advertisements on www.ourcarrollgardens.com, which has been posting letter and links to other Web sites that list the address of the new facility in an attempt to prevent it from opening in the neighborhood.

Addresses of battered women's shelters are normally not publicized in order to protect the residents from their abusers.

"Women who are being battered by their husbands need a safe space to go," said Shirley Ranz, a boycott supporter and president of the Brooklyn and Queens chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW).

In an e-mail to the hardware store, Ranz blasted the owners for advertising on the anti-shelter site and said she would be boycotting the store and "telling others to do the same," until they pulled their ad or until the site stopped posting the shelter's address.

Contacted this week, the third-generation owner of Mazzone's said he was shocked to learn of the boycott, especially since he received the advertising space for free.

"We do not pay to advertise on the Web site and we do not take a stand on that shelter in either position," said owner Matt Mazzone. "But anybody who plans to boycott that Web site would be boycotting every store in Carroll Gardens."

Indeed, Danny Contreras, the Web master and founder of the site, says he provides free listings for merchants to promote local business.

"I have all the businesses listed, it's a Carroll Gardens Yellow Pages," said Contreras, a vocal shelter opponent and member of Concerned Citizens of Carroll Gardens, a group that has been posting shelter information and letters in opposition to the shelter on the Web site.

The new facility, to be known as Rose House, will be run out of a four-family building with beds for 18 to 20 women and children. The New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC), a Manhattan-based organization that will run the facility, runs three other shelters around the city.

*See **SHELTER** on page 6*

# Low-crime Red Hook is toast of England

**By Deborah Kolben**
*The Brooklyn Papers*

Liverpool, the port town that started the British Invasion of the 1960s when the Beatles crossed the Atlantic, is now taking its cue from an American port town of sorts — Red Hook, Brooklyn.

For the past several months, top British officials have been visiting the Red Hook Community Justice Center, the borough's first alternative sentencing court, and now plan on opening a similar one-stop local crime-busting shop of their own based on the Brooklyn model.

Opened three years ago in a dilapidated former Catholic school on Visitation Place that sat vacant for 20 years, the innovative justice center is the first in the country to handle Criminal, Housing and Family court cases in one place, including everything from turnstile jumping to drug offenses to landlord-tenant disputes.

In addition to dispensing justice, the center aims to address the root problems by offering drug treatment, job and psychological counseling and other services that an overcrowded court system generally has a hard time tracking.

Judge Alex Calabrese, who presides over the airy courtroom without a gavel, is also highly involved with the community and attends more than a dozen community meetings, working closely with the local

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Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Independence Community Bank President and CEO Alan Fishman.

## Bloomie banks at Independence

*The Brooklyn Papers*

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and top city officials visited the Independence Community Bank branch in Red Hook last week to announce the start of a city initiative to support banks in under-served neighborhoods.

Under the "Banking Development District Program" the city will deposit $100 million in banks in communities designated as under-served by banks, including Red Hook, Sunset Park, South Bronx, South Central Harlem, Staten Island's St. George and Roosevelt Island.

The program is designed to encourage banks to open in developing communities and to provide loans and financial education programs for residents.

When the branch at 498 Columbia St. opened six years ago it was the first bank to come into the neighborhood in 50 years.

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## *Not so fast*

A British Airways Concorde, the fastest commercial jet in history, passes slowly under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, at the mouth of upper New York Bay, Tuesday, Nov. 25, on its way to the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum. The 88-ton supersonic jetliner will become the first civilian addition to the museum's aircraft collection. The airline made its last Concorde flight on Nov. 26, ending 27 years of flying up to twice the speed of sound.

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# Yassky: Put fliers in 'pail'

**By Deborah Kolben**
*The Brooklyn Papers*

Sick of those pesky restaurant menus and supermarket circulars left strewn across your stoop and lobby?

So is Brooklyn Heights City Councilman David Yassky.

"People come home from a long day at work to find the front steps or lobby littered with junk mail and their neighborhoods covered in soggy, unsolicited advertisements," said Yassky. "Those folks shouldn't have to lean down and clean up a mess they didn't make."

In addition to being a nuisance, the leaflets create a safety hazard and can make it easy for criminals to guess which house to break into, said the councilman.

Yassky says the solution is a pail.

Under his bill, which he calls "The Junk Pail Law," houses and buildings would place a receptacle outside for all unsolicited material. Advertisers whose leaflet delivery people did not make use of the pail would be subject to a fine of between $100 and $250.

Owners would be required to post a sign with at least half-inch letters indicating that all unsolicited material be left in the provided receptacle.

At a council sanitation committee hearing on Nov. 21, Mary Ann Rothman, executive director of the Council of New York Cooperatives & Condominiums, praised the bill. Rothman's group represents 2,300 buildings throughout New York City.

"We get inundated by fliers that are slid under doors in larger buildings, posted on fences and walls — they fall down, they fly all over and create litter and can attract burglars," Rothman told The Brooklyn Papers after the hearing.

"For the past 25 years we have gotten calls [complaining about flier dumping], but the issue is freedom of speech," Rothman said. "More days than not I step over Chinese menus when I come into my office, it's a small annoyance that can have larger repercussions."

Stephen Harrison, chairman of Community Board 10 in Bay Ridge, said he also resented stepping onto his porch to find unsolicited materials strewn about.

"The concept is solid," Harrison said of Yassky's bill, "but I think it goes a little far requiring half-inch lettering. It's not designed well for private homes."

Judy Stanton, executive director of the Brooklyn Heights Association does not think the pail law goes far enough.

"I read the draft and I think it really falls short of getting to the issue," she said. "It accepts that somebody has a First Amendment right to come and put it in the pail."

The bill will be voted on by the council sanitation committee later this month.

Buildings aren't the only target to curb leaflet distribution.

A new state law targeting handbills on cars recently went into effect giving Department of Sanitation workers and police offers the authority to ticket handbill distributors who leave fliers on cars. The law authorizes them to presume that "the person whose name, telephone number or other identifying information" is listed on an advertisement is responsible for its distribution.

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# Looking for Scapegoats

**By Randi Weingarten**



During recent hearings before the City Council, I started to wonder what school system Council Education Chair Eva Moskowitz and Schools Chancellor Joel Klein were talking about. If you believe them, our system is one where teachers have all the advantages: ideal working conditions, competitive pay, and strict work rules that make their lives easy. Meanwhile, teacher tenure, seniority rights and a defined pay schedule are responsible for all the evils in our schools.

But that's certainly not the New York City public school system I know. If it were, teachers would be breaking down our doors to work here, and would leave only after long careers. Instead one in four of our new teachers leaves within a year, 40 percent within three years. The fact is that nearly ten thousand New York City public school teachers head for the exits every year. Demoralized by oversized classes, shortages of equipment and supplies, and lack of administrative help in enforcing discipline, they leave for the suburbs, other careers, or retirement.

The fictions about the city's schools may produce headlines, but the facts are what we have to consider when we try to make our schools better.

**Tenure**: Council Member Moskowitz and Chancellor Klein made much of the fiction that the contract shields incompetent teachers.

Fact: In a member survey a few years ago, more than 80 percent of our members said they did not want to teach beside incompetent teachers, though they did insist that people have a process by which they could defend themselves.

This union and the Legislature have streamlined and expedited the teacher disciplinary process three times in as many contracts. What the chancellor says takes years, last year under the new rules took, on average, 65.5 days.

**Seniority-based assignments**: The chancellor promotes the fiction that seniority keeps the most experienced teachers from the schools where he believes they are most needed and forces new teachers into the most difficult settings.

Fact: Last year, principals hired nearly 9,000 new teachers to fill vacancies, and seniority transfers filled about 600, less than 10% of the total. (Keep in mind that many of these 600 can simply retire. That's what happened with a number of our educational evaluators who were mistreated by the system this year and chose to retire rather than take inappropriate assignments).

Fact: Many middle-class districts got more new teachers this fall than hard-to-staff areas.

Fact: Thanks to incentives we worked out with the previous administration, hundreds of experienced teachers have been attracted to and have remained in the otherwise hard-to-staff schools in our Extended Time program.

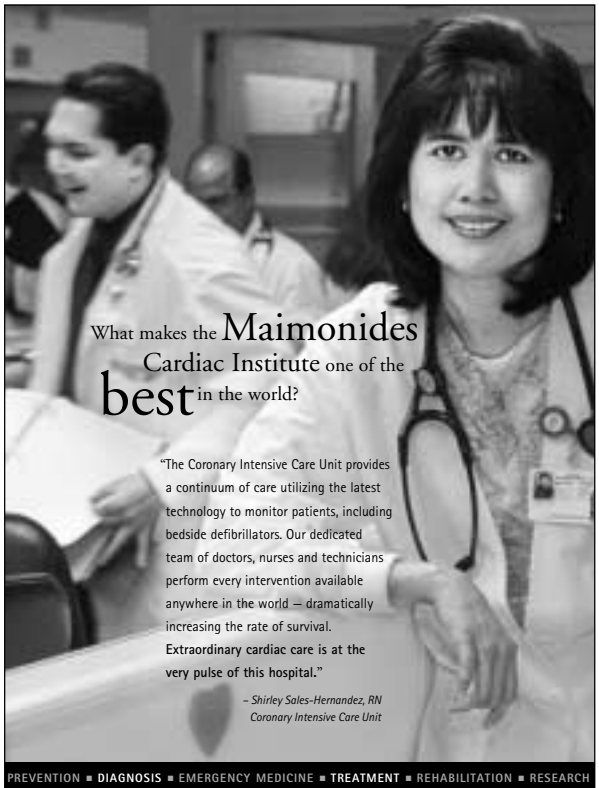
**Single pay schedule**: The chancellor says he wants to be able to pay more to teachers in shortage areas and in harder-to-staff schools, but the union won't let him.

Fact: In 2000 the union included in its contract proposals additional pay for teachers who earned certification in specified shortage areas. We have been open to other similar proposals.

**Keeping good teachers:** Our last contract raised starting salaries and the system made great strides in recruiting qualified teachers. The problem now is **retention**. Because if we can't keep the qualified teachers who are hired, building a cadre of experienced, well-prepared teachers becomes like trying to fill a bucket that has a hole in its bottom. It's costly and counterproductive to hire thousands of well-qualified people every year, invest millions of dollars in incentives, orientation and professional development — only to see so many of them leave. Worse, it's bad for kids.

The Bloomberg/Klein administration has already experienced a number of failures in its short tenure: poor planning led to serious overcrowding in many schools; thousands of new teachers went unpaid and without medical benefits for weeks and even months; lack of teacher training in the system's new reading and math curricula have made it very difficult for kids to grasp this difficult material; music and art programs have been decimated; and teachers and parents are bridling at supervisors' attempts to micromanage everything from the placement of desks to the number of staples on bulletin boards.

Confronted by the chaos they have created and faced with their own failure to bring positive change to our schools, the Bloomberg/Klein administration has decided to scapegoat teachers by focusing on the fictions of the New York City system rather than its real needs: a qualified teacher in every classroom; the books, supplies, resources and disciplined atmosphere that make instruction possible; and a relationship with teachers that supports rather than demonizes them.



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# Heights man celebrates 97 years in Brooklyn

**By Paulanne Simmons**
*for The Brooklyn Papers*

Ninety-seven years ago Irving Weissler was born in Cobble Hill. In 1943 he was married at the Kane Street Synagogue and moved to Brooklyn Heights, where he lives to this day.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, this true son of Brooklyn celebrated his birthday and his long life with friends and well-wishers at Congregation Mount Sinai on Cadman Plaza West in Brooklyn Heights.

In Weissler's address to the congregation, his comments ranged from possible meanings of his being born on the Jewish Sabbath to his hopes for the future (housing that mixes singles, couples, parents and the childless).

"I was brought up as a religious person," said Weissler, who has been involved with Jewish organizations throughout his life. He was president of a local chapter of the Jewish service organization B'nai B'rith four times and has been leading a Torah study group at Congregation Mount Sinai for the past eight years. Before that, for many years he led a Torah study group at the home of his friends Belle and Rubin Huffman.

It was with the Huffmans that Weissler helped found the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue (where he led a retired adults group for five years).

"I was the secret motivator for having a synagogue in Brooklyn Heights," says Weissler. I was coming home from a lecture at Brooklyn College with Rubin Huffman and I asked him, 'Why can't we have a synagogue in Brooklyn Heights?'"

Thus inspired, Huffman sent out postcards, called meetings and eventually became the first president of the Reform temple now located at 131 Remsen St.

Today Weissler calls himself a member of three Brooklyn Heights synagogues — the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue, the Conservative Congregation Mount Sinai and the Orthodox B'nai Avraham.

His birthday celebration was attended by the rabbis of all three synagogues — Rabbi Aaron Raskin of B'nai Avraham, Rabbi Serge Lippe of the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue and Rabbi Joseph Potasnik of Congregation Mount Sinai.

Weissler's interests, however, go beyond religion. As a lawyer who entered the field of advertising during the Depression, he was president of the Specialty Advertising Association of Greater New York, and he has also led a retired adult group at the Jubilee Senior Center in Brooklyn Heights.

Now that he's reached 97, his goal in life is not much different than it was when he was younger: "To live long enough to make the world a little better … which I try to do daily."



Irving Weissler celebrates his 97th birthday at Congregation Mount Sinai on Cadman Plaza West in Brooklyn Heights with Rabbi Joseph Potasnik on Nov. 22.

The Brooklyn Papers / Tom Callan

# Shoots barbershop duet

**By Deborah Kolben**
*The Brooklyn Papers*

Two men were shot inside a Boerum Hill barbershop just before noon on Nov. 29.

A man walked into the barbershop at Bond and Pacific streets and fired two shots into the back of a customer. One of those shots ricocheted and hit his barber in the right arm, police said.

The man who was shot while getting his hair cut was taken to Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan where he was listed in serious but not life-threatening condition, according to police. The barber was treated at Lutheran Medical Center and released.

Saturday's incident marked the first shooting this year in Boerum Hill, according to Deputy Inspector Christopher Rising, commanding officer of the 84th Precinct.

While there have been six shootings this year precinct-wide, there have been no shooting-related homicides. The precinct's first homicide of the year occurred last week when a man was stabbed to death just outside the Fulton Mall in the middle of the day. That incident is still under investigation.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Monty car heist

A luxury automobile vanished from Montague Street this week.

A 51-year-old man parked his 1998 BMW near Hicks Street at 7:45 pm on Nov. 29. When he returned four hours later the car was gone.

### Gunpoint rob

A pair of armed bandits held up a man at gunpoint as he walked home just before 11 pm on Nov. 25, along Dean Street between Bond and Nevins streets.

The attackers approached the victim from behind and told him to hand over his money.

"Look at this," one of the men said as he flashed a silver handgun.

The suspects rifled through the victim's pockets and came up with a cell phone, Palm Pilot and $7 in cash.

A 37-year-old man was arrested in the incident.

### Gang mugging

A woman crossing the footbridge to Red Hook was held up by a group of five teens just before 9 pm at Henry and Coles streets.

One of the attackers in the Dec. 1 incident grabbed the victim and put his hand over her mouth.

The boys, described as 12 to 15 years old, all dressed in dark hooded sweatshirts. They grabbed the woman's purse and cell phone and ran away.

The stolen items included an Apple I-Pod, black wallet, makeup, credit cards and a pair of leather gloves.

### Won't take no

A trio of street toughs up to no good approached a boy walking near a liquor store on Court Street near Baltic Street at 5 pm on Dec. 1.

The group asked the 15-year-old boy for a dollar.

"If you don't give us a dollar we're going to punch you in the face," one thug told him.

When the victim refused to give up the cash, the group forcibly removed his wallet containing $35, a high school ID and a MetroCard. They fled down Baltic Street.

### Warm welcome

A man pedaling his bicycle at Boerum Place and Dean Street was stopped by a mob of seven men who asked him for the time.

The group then punched the man, who did not speak English, and reached into his front shirt pocket and removed $50.

The incident occurred at 7:10 pm on Nov. 29, police said.

### Phony cop

A crook carrying a gold shield went into a Bond Street store claiming to be a police officer at 1:20 pm on Nov. 26.

After asking to inspect the store's cigarettes, the phony cop asked where the shopkeeper kept the money. He then fled with $900 worth of Newport and Marlboro Lights cigarettes as well as $900 in cash.

While canvassing the area, police officers talked to a store-owner at Schermerhorn and Hoyt streets who said the same thing had happened to him.

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# Girl, 16, mugged near Park

By Deborah Kolben
*The Brooklyn Papers*

After eating at a restaurant on Eighth Avenue around 10:30 am on Nov. 26, a 16-year-old girl heading towards Prospect Park West along 12th Street was stopped by a gun-wielding thug who demanded her purse.

Before she had a chance to respond, the robber grabbed the purse off her shoulder and fled with an accomplice.

The pair jumped over a concrete wall and disappeared into Prospect Park, police said.

### Train muggers

A woman trying to get off the F train at Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street was stopped by two men who blocked her way around 10:30 pm on Nov. 24.

"You ain't going nowhere," one thug told the 20-year-old woman before grabbing her umbrella and beating her about the face and body.

The thugs then grabbed her purse, rifled through it, and then left their victim with a bloody mouth.

The incident occurred at 10:30 pm on Nov. 24.

### Missing bread

A bread deliveryman making his rounds at a diner on Fifth Avenue near 12th Street called the owner at 3:30 am when he realized the place had been burglarized.

When the owner of the restaurant arrived, he discovered $450 missing from the cash register, police said.

The incident occurred sometime between 8 pm on Nov. 28 and 3:30 am the next day.

### Steals cable

A woman living on 14th Street at Seventh Avenue told police this week that she was hoodwinked out of hundreds of dollars worth of cable.

When the victim, 42, looked at her Chase bank statement online, she noticed numerous charges made to Dish Network and DTV totaling $1,340.

The woman said she had no idea how the charges got there and that she normally only received basic cable.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Booze clues

Burglars looking for booze broke into a Seventh Avenue restaurant at Third Street over the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

When employees opened the eatery on Nov. 28 at 10:30 am they found the front gate pulled down, but the front lock missing.

The bandits made off with the locked basement safe that had been stored inside the liquor room, which was also locked. A long, flat-head screwdriver was found next to the liquor room with red markings from the door jam, police said.

In addition to the safe, the bandits made off with $1,000 worth of booze and $3,500 in cash.

### Party-poopers

A group of teens turned violent after they left a Fourth Avenue soiree at 15th Street around 1:30 am on Nov. 29.

A 16-year-old boy left with a group of five fellow partygoers, but the revelers suddenly started beating him up, causing injury to his face, police said.

After grabbing his gold chain, the group fled.

A 16-year-old was later arrested in the incident.

### Left keys in

A woman was so eager to rent a few DVDs at the Blockbuster Video store on Flatbush Avenue at Sterling Place that she forgot to take the keys out of the ignition of her car.

When she returned 15 minutes later the car was nowhere to be found. The motorist told police that she could not remember if she left the ignition running in her blue 2000 Dodge Caravan.

The incident occurred around 7:30 pm on Nov. 28.

### Took headlights

If it's not one thing, it's another.

Last week a batch of Park Slope cars were pillaged for their air bags. This week a pair of BMWs were accosted for their headlights.

A man parked his BMW at Garfield Place between Seventh and Eighth avenues at 7:30 pm on Nov. 26. But when he returned at 9 am the next day, he discovered the headlights missing.

It was the same bad news for a man on Third Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues who was awoken from his slumber when he heard his car alarm going off just before 3 am on Nov. 26.

When the victim looked outside he saw two men fleeing in a red car and noticed the headlights missing from his red 2001 BMW.

Both sets of headlights were estimated to be worth about $2,000.




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The rezoning plan was put forth at the urging of Mayor Michael Bloomberg as a means of turning Downtown Brooklyn into a magnet for corporate back-office space that might otherwise settle in New Jersey. The city hopes to attract $3 billion in private investment to the area.

The Uniform Land Use Review Procedure for review of the application will include public hearings before Community Board 2, Borough President Marty Markowitz, the City Planning Commission and the City Council.

The city would invest $100 million under the plan to help create 4.5 million square feet of new office space, 1,000 new units of housing and 900,000 square feet of retail space in the area generally bounded by Tillary Street, Atlantic Avenue, Flatbush Avenue and Court Street.

"This is one of the most complex and comprehensive rezonings that City Planning has ever undertaken," City Planning Director Amanda Burden said at a news conference in Manhattan just before the plans were officially certified Monday morning.

As part of the plan, Flatbush Avenue would also get a major makeover "to make it one of the great avenues of the city," Burden said.

While four new parking lots with roughly 2,000 public parking spaces would be created, the same number would be lost under the plan, said Myer.

Responding to the loss of 21,000 city jobs to New Jersey in the 1990s, the Bloomberg administration along with the Downtown Brooklyn Council created the Downtown Brooklyn Plan, announced in the wake of 9-11.

The mayor pledged to fund the $100 million in infrastructure improvements and construction over the next 10 years, with much of the money coming in the first few years, but the project would still be largely dependent on market conditions and the ability to lure businesses and developers.

To deal with traffic, the Department of Transportation had dedicated a full-time coordinator to study traffic conditions that might arise as a result of the plan.

While no height limits have been set for the commercial areas — although there are density restrictions — planners anticipate developers will build no higher than 30 to 35 stories.

With the city certifying the plan, Community Board 2 now has 60 days to hold a public hearing on the matter and offer a recommendation from its committees and full board. The borough president then has 30 days to offer a recommendation before it goes to the City Planning Commission for up to 60 days. Should City Planning approve the application, the City Council then has up to 50 days to rule on the matter.

Representatives from City Planning and the Economic Development Corporation will be holding public meetings with three CB2 committees to discuss the plan over the next month.

The Parks and Recreation committee will meet on Monday, Dec. 15, with a discussion about open space in the plan at 6 pm, in the main dining room of the Brooklyn Hospital Center, 121 DeKalb Ave. in Fort Greene.

The Traffic and Transportation committee will meet at the New York City College of Technology, 300 Jay St., in room N-307, at 6 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The Land Use committee will meet at Polytechnic University, at 5 Metrotech, room LC-400, on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6 pm.

The first public hearing on the Downtown plan before the full board will be held in early January.

# CRIME...

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police precincts.

To forge ties with the community, the center also runs little league teams in the spring and sponsors movies in Coffey Park in the summer.

So is all of this working? Statistics released by the police department this week indicate it is.

For the first time in almost 35 years the 76th Precinct, which encompasses Red Hook, reported no murders for the past 12 months.

That says a lot for a community that made headlines 11 years ago when Patrick Daly, principal of PS 15 onSullivan Street near Van Brunt Street was killed in drug-related crossfire while trying to find a student who had left school in tears.

"I don't think as a police department we can take all the credit," said Capt. Thomas Harris, commanding officer of the 76th Precinct, adding, "It's probably a lot of luck and certainly the community, the justice center and police department working hand in hand."

As for the justice center, Harris called it "phenomenal" and heralded it as an invaluable resource for the community.

"You actually look at the person and not just the crime they're arrested for," Harris said.

To prepare their Liverpool justice center, law enforcement officials from Great Britain will be visiting Red Hook this week and meeting with Harris and officers from the 76th Precinct to discuss ways to combat crime and work together with the justice center.

The Red Hook community has also welcomed the center with open arms.

John McGettrick, co-chair of the Red Hook Civic Association, which worked closely with the center's organizers, called the facility a "bright spot for the entire Red Hook community.

Back in April, British Home Secretary David Blunkett and Lord Chancellor Derry Irvine announce d plans to develop community justice centers throughout England and Wales. The Liverpool site was announced in September and will also be housed in a renovated building.

Adam Mansky, director of operations for the Center for Court Innovation, the de facto research and development arm of the state court system, and the original director of the Red Hook justice center, said it was exciting to see the model replicated.

"It's encouraging to see that people around the country and around the world are realizing that this project in the small neighborhood of Red Hook is an important innovation that is worth replicating," Mansky said.

The court hears more than 10,000 cases a year from the 72nd, 76th and 78th precincts, which includes the neighborhoods of Sunset Park, Park Slope, Downtown Brooklyn, Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill.

Once a rough and tumble neighborhood where a young Al Capone started his infamous criminal career, Red Hook was also a thriving working waterfront community jutting out into the New York Harbor. But the population has declined more than 50 percent in the past 40 years, according to McGettrick.

Roughly 65 percent of the neighborhood's 11,000 residents live in the Red Hook Houses, one of the city's first and largest public housing projects, built in 1938. But since the 1970s, the quiet, uncluttered neighborhood has also attracted artists and others drawn to the post-industrial waterfront charm of the northwestern portion of the neighborhood, often referred to as "The Back."

In addition to focusing on a new brand of justice, the center has given great thought to its physical space. Instead of bars on cells there is security glass and whitewashed walls.

The courtroom is light and open with white window shades.

"The message from the moment they walk in is that we're doing justice differently," said Robert Feldstein, director of the Red Hook justice center.

Asked what has made the center success, Mansky added, "I think we're sending the message the criminal justice center cares about the community and it addresses the issues that affect it."


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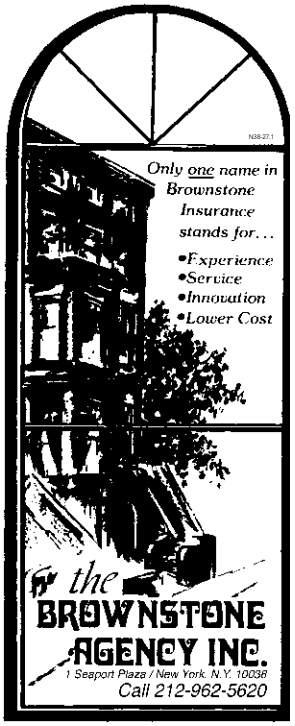

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# SHELTER...

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"We're talking about people that are being extremely immature and extremely ignorant," Contreras said of the boycotters.

Asked about posting the shelter address, Contreras, who said he was preparing to launch a series of cartoons about the shelter debate, said he pulled it from the site and now only provides links to other sites that may list the information.

When asked Sunday about a letter on his Web site that still listed the address, Contreras said he did not realize it was there and would erase it immediately. That letter was still posted on Tuesday.

"It doesn't make sense for me to stop people from knowing what's going on," Contreras said of links to other Web sites that list the address.

So far, Contreras said he had not received complaints from any of his advertisers and if anything, the controversy was bringing more traffic to the site.

"I just think the whole thing is utter nonsense. It doesn't seem to make any sense. They're going against their own community," Contreras said.

"I think calling for a boycott is an example of the shortsightedness and stupidity of the proponents to the shelter because this is not just about a single shelter, this is an issue that concerns all neighborhoods in the city and that is pop-up shelters," said Salvatore Russo, an attorney and founder of Concerned Citizens of Carroll Gardens.

Much of the neighborhood resistance to the shelter, said Russo, stems from the lack of community notification.

But according to Howard Graubard, a community activist and founder of Carroll Gardens Supports Children and Abused Moms Proudly (CG-SCAMP), the idea for the boycott came from Russo, who at an earlier public meeting on the shelter advocated a boycott of William B. May, the real estate company that brokered the sale to the shelter operators.

While the shelter has yet to open its doors it has already spurred a flurry of controversy.

Opponents of the shelter who say that the location is inappropriate and will "stick out like a sore thumb" on a block with just 80 residents have also objected to NYWAC "sneaking into the neighborhood" without informing residents or local elected officials.

Just last week, those opponents took NYWAC to court trying to bar the organization from opening the shelter. They claimed it violated zoning regulations.

That request was shot down by a Brooklyn Supreme Court judge and NYWAC began moving furniture into the shelter just before Thanksgiving.

"We have every intention — we have every legal grounds to move in, and we intend to do so," said NYAWC chairwoman Kyung Yoon .

As for the boycott, Yoon said, "We are just heartened by the community support that we have received from those who are clearly trying to make the point that these opponents — and the kind of tactics that they're using — that they are not speaking for the entire community. We are just heartened by their expressions of support."

# YMCA...

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# Bollywood or bust

## *BAMcinematek series will screen the latest films from India*

**By Lisa J. Curtis**
*GO Brooklyn Editor*

It may seem an odd choice for a holiday season dominated by Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations, but BAMcinematek's latest film series, "Bollywood Shuffle" — a collection of nine recent films from India — is a perfect thematic fit.

These "Bollywood" films are filled with the universally embraced themes of filial devotion, tradition and faith — albeit to predominantly Hindu deities.

The films are largely escapist fare with lavish musical numbers and innumerable exquisite, colorful costumes — worn by spectacularly beautiful actresses with eyes as big as saucers — that have lately influenced the design of everything in America from women's fashion to home furnishings.

The series also includes an art film of sorts — Buddhadev Dasgupta's gloomy, uncluttered, S-L-O-W-paced "Tale of a Naughty Girl (Manda Meyer Upakhyan)," about the slim prospects for the daughter of a manipulative, selfish prostitute in 1969 (Dec. 12 at 2, 4:30, 6:50 and 9:10 pm) and a documentary, Anand Patwardhan's film about the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan, "War and Peace (Jang Aur Aman)" — screening Dec. 19 at 2, 5 and 8 pm].

My favorite film in this series was the soap opera-like Shah Rukh Khan vehicle, "Devdas" (2002), directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Set in the early 20th century, the film is replete with star-crossed lovers (Khan as the title character, an anti-hero with pillow lips, and Aishwarya Rai as his childhood sweetheart Paro) and a hooker with a heart of gold (Madhuri Dixit as Chandramukhi) in a love triangle mirroring the mythical relationships between Krishna, Radha and Meera.

"Devdas" also has the strong mother-and-son relationship that is typical of the films in this series. Based on the 1917 novel by Sarat Chandra Chattopadhye, "Devdas" is an epic love story set in sumptuous surroundings. It screens Dec. 20 at 2 pm and 7 pm.)

"Sometimes Joy, Sometimes Sorrow (Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham)," Karan Johar's 2001 film also stars the ubiquitous actor Shah Rukh Khan as the son, Rahul, who — after making a jaw-droppingly dramatic entrance via helicopter — refuses to marry the girl his father approves of, setting off a pitched battle that rends the family apart.

The film was riveting until the intermission. After that, the story switches to London where disowned Rahul has run with his new wife, Anjali (the irrepressible Kajol) and her flirtatious younger sister, Pooja (Kareena Kapoor). The blockbuster — also known as K3G — screens Dec. 13 at 2 pm and 7 pm.



Courtesy of Yash Raj Films

**Indian beauty**: Aishwarya Rai plays Paro in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's lavish 2002 musical, "Devdas," to be screened as part of BAMcinematek's "Bollywood Shuffle" film series.

For most kooky, family-friendly Indian film, the award goes to Rakesh Roshan's "I Found Someone (Koi…Mil Gaya)," a rare (in India) sci-fi flick, which stars Hrithik Roshan. He plays Rohit, the son of a scientist who makes contact with aliens and abruptly dies. Rohit is a mentally disabled, likeable young misfit who manages to win the love of the beautiful, smart Nisha (Preity Zinta) as well as the friendship of the blue alien Jadoo (Magic).

The film pays homage to "Star Wars," "Saturday Night Fever," "The Sound of Music" and "E.T."



Courtesy of Yash Raj Films

**Hills are alive**: Preity Zinta as Nisha — shown twice — and Hrithik Roshan as Rohit Mehra in a scene from the 2002 Indian science fiction film, "I Found Someone (Koi … Mil Gaya)."

The leap of faith that the script requires from the viewer is just short of cruel, but it succeeds, in part, because of the great performances. (Dec. 14 at 3 pm and 7 pm.)

Ashutosh Gowariker's 2001 film "Lagaan" is one for the boys — boys who love cricket that is. The fate of a small village rests on a wager made over the outcome of a cricket match between British officers (the title refers to taxes in the form of grain) and an Indian team led by Bhuvan, played by Aamir Khan (akin to a young Frankie Avalon).

The hero is not afraid to cry, is a dutiful son to his mother, encourages the town to band together and unknowingly wins the affection of a British woman named Elizabeth (Rachel Shelly), who defies her masochistic brother, Capt. Russell (Paul Blackthorne), to secretly coach Bhuvan and his team in cricket.

Unfortunately for this viewer, the baffling rules of cricket made this nearly four-hour film a snoozer for me. (Dec. 6 at 2 pm and 7 pm.)

Santosh Sivan's 2001 "Asoka," also starring (you guessed it!), Shah Rukh Khan as the title character is loosely based on the third emperor of the Mauryan Empire (325-184 BC). "Asoka" is a violent warlord whose love for a princess causes him to renounce his ways, but not before waging (R-rated) bloody battles.

"Asoka" has a lovely patina to it, setting it apart from the saturated colors of many Bollywood films. Unfortunately the modern musical numbers, including one where Princess Kaurwaki (Kareena Kapoor) appears to be dancing a tribute to Tina Turner in "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome," detracts from the film, which is set in ancient times. There are also jarring moments of comic relief, in an otherwise intense, intrigue-filled story, courtesy of the dunce, Virat (Danny Denzongpa). (Dec. 7 at 3 pm and 7 pm.)

### CINEMA

"**Bollywood Shuffle: Nine Recent Films From India**" will be screened at BAMcinematek (30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene) Dec. 5-21. All of the films are in Hindi with English subtitles. Tickets are $10. For more information, call (718) 636-4100 or visit the Web site at www.bam.org.

But the series isn't solely committed to song-and-dance extravaganzas. Ram Gopal Varma's 2003 film "Bhoot," which opens the series on Dec. 5 at 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:10 pm, is a ghost story without either.

Here's hoping that variations of this Indian film series — like the holidays — return to BAMcinematek for years to come.

Oh, and don't forget to call your mother.

*Not able to be viewed by press time: Rajkumar Santoshi's "The Legend of Bhagat Singh" (2002) will be screened Dec. 21 at 3 pm and 7 pm.*

### BOOKS



Julian Schnabel

## Reed reads

Lou Reed and a few of his friends will present "Ravishing Poe," a sold out night of readings from his recently released book "The Raven" (Grove/Atlantic, 2003) at St. Ann's Warehouse (38 Water St. between Dock and Main streets in DUMBO) on Dec. 8 at 8 pm.

Among the readers joining Reed, will be Laurie Anderson, Richard Belzer, Fisher Stevens and Chloe Webb. A Q&A and book signing follow the reading. Reed's book includes black-and-white photographs (see above) by artist Julian Schnabel.

Poe's works have been inspiring — or perhaps haunting — Reed and his artistic endeavors for years. In 2001, Reed and director Robert Wilson presented their musical "POEtry" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and in January, Reed released his album, "The Raven," on Reprise Records.

*While the show is sold out, a limited number of $10 student rush tickets will be available at the door with proper school ID.* ***— Lisa J. Curtis***

### DANCE



Andy Snow

## First flight

The BAM 2003 Next Wave Festival ends with Dayton Contemporary Dance Company's "The Flight Project," a program that celebrates the 100th anniversary of the maiden flight of Ohio natives Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Program A (Dec. 9, 11 and 13 at 7:30 pm) features three New York Premieres: Jawole Willa Jo Zollar's "Eurydice's Flight," Bill T. Jones' "and before" and Sir Warren Spears' "On the Wings of Angels." Program B features the New York premiere of Doug Varone's "The Beating of Wings" as well as Dwight Rhoden's "Sky Garden" and Bebe Miller's "Aerodigm."

This modern dance company has amassed the world's largest repertory of works by black choreographers.

"The Flight Project" will be staged Dec. 9-13 at 7:30 pm at the BAM Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene. Tickets are $20, $30 and $45. A BAMdialogue with Kevin Ward, artistic director of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, and choreographers Miller, Rhoden and Zollar will take place Dec. 9 at 6 pm at the BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene. Tickets are $8.

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### Cafe Kai

*151 Smith St. at Bergen Street, (718) 596-3466 (Cash only) Entrees: $3.95-$8.*

This organic, vegetarian juice bar was opened by Lisa DeLeon in July 2002. The cafe now offers a selection of hot dishes, in addition to its sandwiches, salads and variety of veggie drinks, which change daily to keep customers coming back for their takeout. The cafe, permeated with the aroma of exotic spices, also has several tables where you can hunker down with a cup of fine coffee or herbal or chai tea. Stock up on their soups (including potato-leek and butternut squash with ginger and green onion) and their breads and muffins — delightful additions to breakfast when hosting overnight guests. Signature sandwich: marinated tofu with fresh pesto and roasted veggies.

### Caserta Vecchia

*221 Smith St. at Baltic Street, (718) 624-7549, www.modmusicrecords.com/cv/home.html (MC, Visa) Entrees: $7-17.*

Local pizza joint Caserta Vecchia — named for the owners' ancestral home near Naples — offers authentic Southern Italian specialties in addition to their 17 different takes on brick-oven pizza, which range from the classic Margherita to the distinct and nontraditional Nutella-and-pear. Pasta escapes the usual confines of red sauce, and includes homey favorites like tortellini in cream sauce with prosciutto and peas. Closed Mondays.

### La Rosa and Sons

*98 Smith St. at Pacific Street, (718) 935-0545 (Cash only) Entrees: $8.75-$10.50.*

The latest addition to the always popular Jim Mamary-owned-and-operated restaurants (Pacifico, Schnäck), La Rosa and Sons is the local pizza joint where you can sit down and enjoy a bottle of wine just as easily as you can grab a slice to go. In addition to sandwiches, calzones and pizza, the restaurant offers sumptuous fare like baked rigatoni with escarole and white beans in a veal ragu. Right now, all slices are $1.75. Open daily.

### Patois

*255 Smith St. at Douglass Street, (718) 855-1535, www.patoisrestaurant.com (AmEx, MC, Visa) Entrees: $12-$19.*

This pioneering French bistro begun by chef-partner Alan Harding sparked the Smith Street restaurant revolution when it opened in December 1997. The walls are papered in French newspaper collages. Two dining rooms offer diners a feeling of intimacy and eliminate long lines for a table. Chef Charles Statelman's signature dishes include garlic snails with puff pastry, steak frites au poivre and coq au vin. A $20 prix fixe dinner is served 5:30-7:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursday. For a romantic evening, request a table by the fireplace. Vegetarian offerings and Sunday brunch, too. Garden seats available.

### Pacifico

*269 Pacific St. at Smith Street, (718) 935-9090 (Cash only) Entrees: $5-$13.*

Pacifico serves authentic Mexican food with a hip, yet reverential attitude. Opened by Jim Mamary (of Schnäck and La Rosa and Sons), Pacifico's inventive menu stuffs shrimp into tamales, steams mussels with beer and serrano chiles and infuses pulled beef tacos with olive sauce. The interior should be marveled at — between the wood floors, votive candles and walls covered by Mexican tiles, Pacifico could be a proper hacienda if it only had burros tethered outside. Dinner served nightly. Open for lunch Friday through Sunday.

### Pier 116

*116 Smith St. at Pacific Street, (718) 260-8900 (MC, Visa) Entrees: $9-$18.*

New chef Kevin Roth has arrived at this traditional New England-style clam shack in the former That Bar location. He serves hot baked clam dip with black bread while bartenders pour largely imported beers, both bottled and draft. Finish the meal with the surprisingly elegant Pop Tart ice cream sandwiches. There's also lunch Tuesday through Friday, and Saturday and Sunday brunch, featuring lobster eggs Benedict with hollandaise sauce. Closed Mondays.

### Red Rose

*315 Smith St. at Union Street, (718) 625-0963 (AmEx, DC, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $10-$16.*

This Italian restaurant laid the foundation for the Smith Street renaissance 20 years ago. Red Rose has an all-Italian wine list, pink linen-draped tables, red brick walls and Dean Martin crooning "Volare." Run by the Romano family for two generations, Red Rose offers a classic Southern Italian menu featuring seafood, poultry and pastas as well as many enticing daily specials. Santo Romano oversees the restaurant opened by his parents, and ensures that chef Steven Bankhead continues to serve dad's "famous rice balls" as well as the many other popular entrees. Romano sums up his two decades of success simply: "Our formula is fresh, great food and good service."

### Restaurant Saul

*140 Smith St. at Bergen Street, (718) 935-9844 (AmEx, DC, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $20-25.* ★

Named after its chef, Saul Bolton, this restaurant's creative menu features tempting appetizers such as seared fresh French sardines and bacon and onion tarts. Entrees include pork tenderloin and belly served with rosemary-apple coulis and roasted chicken paired with mushroom risotto and boudin blanc (French white sausage). Desserts include rum cake with Tahitian vanilla banana cream.

### Smithwicks

*191 Smith St. at Warren Street, (347) 643-9911 (Amex, DC, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $10-$23.* ★

Chef Noel Thompson dresses up reliable American favorites, adding the occasional unexpected ingredient. For example, his Macadamia-crusted Pacific cod with wild mushroom sauce and wasabi mayonnaise. Their $20 prix-fixe five-course sunset supper menu changes daily from Monday to Thursday. There's also an $8.95 lunchtime prix-fixe menu, available Monday through Friday between 11:30 am and 3 pm, which has to be one of the best bargains in Brooklyn. The menu also features an "Irish Corner," which includes shepherd's pie and fish and chips. Weekend brunch is offered from 11 am to 3 pm.

### Smitty's

*276 Smith St. at Sackett Street, (718) 855-9700 (AmEx, Disc, MC, Visa) Entrees: $2.95-$7.95.*

Monte and Charlie Farraj opened the doors to their European-style cafe in April. Smitty's is open seven days a week and offers breakfast, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, salads, cakes, ice cream and more. Enjoy the good food and service inside or al fresco — Smitty's has a decked backyard. On the run? Just pop in for a cup of java — they have an extensive coffee bar — and pastry to go.

### Tuk Tuk

*204 Smith St. at Baltic Street, (718) 222-5598 (Cash only) Entrees: $7-$9.* ★

Tuk Tuk, owned by Tassanee Boonmongkol, serves up authentic Thai food. The cozy restaurant, named for the ubiquitous three-wheeled vehicle in Thailand — akin to a taxi — which makes a "tuk tuk tuk" sound, seats about 40. Tuk Tuk also offers wines and imported beers. Signature dishes include the curries and "duckalicious," a "chef's favorite" selection of crispy baked duck with a chili basil sauce. Tuk Tuk has live music, usually jazz, on Friday and Saturday nights from 7:30 pm to 11 pm.

★ = Full review available at BrooklynPapers.com

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# A better bistro

## *Park Slope's new Red Cafe has a small menu of big-flavored bistro favorites*

**By Tina Barry**
*for The Brooklyn Papers*

People cite a variety of reasons for not frequenting a cafe. If they peek in a window and only one or two tables are occupied, they'll walk away. Kitschy decor can be a turn-off; and modern furnishings are sometimes viewed as cold and unwelcoming.

However, the most confounding reason for rejection is: "The menu is small."

Push for an explanation and you'll hear, "Well, I walked by the place and it looked nice, but there were only a few entrees so I didn't go in." Foolish, indeed. A small menu usually means that hidden behind those swinging doors lurks a wise chef who's confident that their well-honed list of dishes will emerge from their kitchen as good as they can be.

Such is the case of Mark Shenk, the chef and owner of Red Cafe on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope. Shenk's menu offers five entrees. The rest of the dinner selections include three salads, four small plates, a few open-faced sandwiches and a couple of burgers.

Four red wines (there's an excellent Montepulciano) and three whites, very reasonably priced at $18-$24 per bottle, make up the wine list. That's enough food and drink to keep a two-man kitchen busy.

Before opening Red Cafe in August, Shenk served as the chef and owner of Astray Cafe, an eatery he operated for 16 years in Manhattan until losing his lease last year. He came to Park Slope with the intention of opening a comfortable bistro where guests are recognized, coddled and fed very well from a menu of "American bistro" dishes. That vision is fully realized with this delightful cafe.

Sitting in Red Cafe's 20-seat, garnet-colored dining room is a singular experience. Those deep-red walls have a cocooning effect — like having someone wrap a velvet shawl around your shoulders. Once the breadbasket arrives, it becomes apparent that you're in for a fine meal. The warm Italian rolls have a thin, chewy crust and a soft, yeasty center. Spread with butter, they're simply delectable.

**DINING**

**Red Cafe** (78 Fifth Ave. between St. Mark's Place and Warren Street in Park Slope) accepts Visa and MasterCard. Entrees: $14-$19. The cafe serves dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday. For reservations, call (718) 789-1100.

To begin the meal, I recommend the chicory salad (if only to see what a properly made salad should look and taste like). It's a large dish of the curly, slightly bitter greens that's more than adequate for two people as an appetizer. Shenk tosses the crisp leaves with a warm, shallot dressing made sharp with mustard. Thick cubes of bacon add a welcome saltiness to the dish; French bread, cut into large croutons then sauteed with oil and garlic until chewy, add further contrast to the greens; a warm poached egg oozes its richness over all. You find great salads like Shenk's all over Europe, but it's rare to find one this well made here.



Red Cafe (top right) offers creme brulee with raspberries (top left) along with decor that pays tribute to famous redheads like Lucille Ball and others. (Above) Chef Mark Shenk's risotto cake with chicken liver sauce, white wine and pancetta.

Among the innovative small plates is one voluptuous dish — the risotto cake with chicken liver sauce, white wine and pancetta. The risotto cake is everything risotto should be — the rice tender, yet firm and creamy. The livers are supple, and the creamy sauce is as light as zabaglione. White wine in the sauce balances the dish with a bit of acidity and the small amount of pancetta lends a smoky saltiness. Order it for the novelty of the dish, then sit back and let it dazzle your senses.

Shenk makes pasta that is near the top of my list of great pastas, including the noodle dishes I enjoyed in Italy. Sounds like hyperbole, you say?

Order it and see if I'm exaggerating.

He refers to his dish as beef ragu, and it is an authentic Italian stew. The meat is cooked slowly over a low flame like a pot roast with a bit of tomato, onion, carrots and celery until it nearly falls apart and the vegetables become sweet. The ragu sits atop thick ribbons of velvety, fresh pappardelle, and then the meat and pasta is sprinkled with grated orange rind. The orange freshens and lightens the taste of the dish.

I found the salmon fillet with its horseradish crust a little heavy yet still enjoyable. A large piece of the rich fish is crowned with aioli (a French garlic mayonnaise) mixed with horseradish and baked. The salmon is rare and it's crisp, brown-edged topping adds textural interest. Around the salmon are tiny, French green lentils — firm to the bite yet tender — in a deep, red wine sauce. It's an ideal cold-weather dish.

Desserts, like the main meal, are bistro favorites so well made they seem renewed. While eating Shenk's coffee caramel custard, I imagined him tinkering in the kitchen, tasting and rejecting one custard after another until he reached this alchemy of sweet and bitter. With the first spoonful, the sweetness of the caramel is assertive; the second spoonful is tempered with an edge of bitter coffee. A fluff of unsweetened whipped cream and a sprinkle of shaved bitter chocolate add to the pleasure.

Creme brulee is treated to a handful of fresh raspberries. A three-berry pie is right off grandma's windowsill, and pecan pie with vanilla ice cream is crisp and sweet but not too much so. (It may not be bistro fare exactly but it's homey and appropriate with the menu.) Bread pudding will be added shortly.

Two years ago, finding a great bistro dinner in Park Slope wasn't possible. Now the neighborhood sports traditional French bistros that look as if they were lifted out of Paris via helicopter and transplanted to Fifth Avenue. One can have a good meal in a creative bistro that mixes-and-matches ingredients with abandon.

Few, though, have that intangible something that makes Red Cafe such a delicious original.



# East meets West

Ask Kelly Tang, the manager of Mango Fusion Thai, what the fusion in the new cafe's name is all about and she'll tell you, "The food is very authentic, but the plates are like America, very modern." The dishes she refers to are platter-sized white squares and the portions are ample.

"The room, too," she adds, "is very simple, very modern." The small space with its white tables, red walls and funky lighting would make Austin Powers purr, "Groovy baby!"

Uncle Mark Montri, the chef stirring the wok in this November newcomer, may be serving genuine Thai food (for Park Slope anyway), but I doubt you'd find dishes with names like "Thai me up, roll me out," (a thin rice pancake rolled and filled with fresh herbs and vermicelli noodles) and "veggie rama" (steamed mixed vegetables and tofu topped with peanut sauce) in Thailand.

Montri's coconut Tom Kha soup (pictured) is rich and complex. Curry can be made with chicken, beef, vegetables or shrimp, and there are enough vegetarian dishes to feed all the members of PETA.

*Mango Fusion Thai (52 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln Place and St. John's Place) accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Entrees: $7-$14. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. For information call (718) 638-1655.*
*— Tina Barry*


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# Gift guide

*Look to local boutiques for gifts for the whole family*



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### Lend me your ear

Jan Gjaltema's enamel-on-silver earrings ($80) can be found at Henna K Jewelry [165 Court St. at Pacific Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 852-5777].

### If the shoe fits

Just 4 Kicks [123 Park Ave. at Cumberland Street in Fort Greene, (718) 596-7145] has shoes for the entire family including (from left) children's Nikes, adult MVPs ($35) and K-Swiss for kids. The first pair of children's shoes purchased is $28, and the second pair is $14.



### Cat's meow

Don't forget the most important members of your family — the pets. All for Paws [216 Prospect Park West at 16th Street in Park Slope, (718) 788-7052] has a large cat food dish with Sylvester around its bowl and Tweetie inside ($10.99) and a small dish with fish motif ($3.99). Lulu, above, is not for sale.



### Light my fire

At Aaron's [627 Fifth Ave. at 17th Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-5400], Votivo Aromatic Candles ($20) come in a variety of scents.





### Divide and conquer

Room dividers ($49) at Fort Greene Home Furnishings [347 Myrtle Ave. at Carlton Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 522-3770] come in a variety of colors.

### Baby new year

A Beatrix Potter Peter Rabbit ($26.95) at Hand Laundry (456 State St. at Nevins Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 852-7555] is a classic gift.

*— Lisa J. Curtis*


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# Where to GO

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## THURS, DEC 4

**FILM:** St. Francis College presents "Seabiscuit." 6 pm. 180 Remsen St. (718) 489-5272. **Free.**

**PEACE VIGIL:** Brooklyn Peace Vigil leafletting. Bring your own poster, or use what is available. 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Meet at Flatbush and Seventh avenues. (718) 768-3202.

**RECEPTION:** Diane Boisvert Gallery reception for 24-artist group show. 6 to 9 pm. 619 Vanderbilt Ave. (718) 783-7156. **Free.**

**TREE LIGHTING:** Atlantic Avenue hosts its annual tree-lighting event. Councilman David Yassky to officiate. 6 pm. Belarusian Church, corner of Atlantic Avenue at Bond Street. (718) 875-8993.

**PACC TALK:** Pratt Area Community Council offers a talk, "Planning the Success of Your Business." 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Ft. Greene Sr. Citizen's Center, 966 Fulton St. (718) 522-2613. **Free.**

**WORKSHOP:** Brooklyn Economic Development Corp. offers a small business workshop "Understanding Commercial Leases." 6 pm to 8 pm. 175 Remsen St. (718) 522-4600, ext. 24. **Free.**

**MEETING:** Landmarks and Land Use Committee of Community Board 6. 6 pm. 76th Precinct, 191 Union St. (718) 643-3027.

**AUCTION:** NYC College of Technology hosts its annual live and silent auction. $25 includes buffet dinner and live entertainment. 6 pm. 300 Jay St. (718) 260-5025.

**DINNER DANCE:** Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce hosts its 86th annual event. $150. 6 pm. El Caribe Country Club, 5945 Strickland Ave. (718) 875-1000.

**RECEPTION:** Micro Museum presents recent paintings by Norwegian artist Britt Hennig. Early music with Incognito. 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. 123 Smith St. (718) 797-3116. **Free.**

**WORKLORE SERIES:** Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, hosts "Working on the Waterfront" hosted by Phillip Lopate. 7 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. **Free.**

**LOW BAR:** presents readings with music in "Epistolary," a celebration of odd, funny, sad and witty letters. 7 pm. 81 Washington St. (718) 222-1LOW. **Free.**

**WORDSMITH SERIES:** Jonathan Lethem reads from his new novel "The Fortress of Solitude." 7:30 pm, Halcyon, 227 Smith St. (718) 260-WAXY. **Free.**

**THEATER:** Brooklyn College Theater Department presents "Bedroom Farce" by Alan Ayckbourn. $12, $10 seniors, $5 students. 8 pm. Gershwin Theater, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4600.

**NEXT WAVE:** Brooklyn Academy of Music presents "Alladeen." 7:30 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6. Also, BAM Dialogue with director Marianne Weems. $8, $4 friends of BAM. 6 pm. Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

**PLAY:** "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea." 9 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

## FRI, DEC 5

**CRAFT FAIR:** Holiday sale at PS 102. 9 am to 2:30 pm. 211 72nd St. (718) 748-7404.

**SALE:** The Partnership for the Homeless hosts a sale of the fabulous to the functional to the funky. American, European and Asian antiques and collectibles, wardrobes, dressers, cabinets, chairs, mirrors and more. 10 am to 2 pm. 20 Jay St. (718) 875-5353.

**BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** Kids are invited to stretch, shake and spin to music. Appropriate for ages 18 months to 2 years. $4, free for members. 11 am. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400.

**BAMCINEMATEK:** "Bollywood Shuffle" presents "Bhoot" (2003). $10. 2 pm, 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm and 9:10 pm. Film is in Hindi with English subtitles. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4100.

**AUCTION:** Greenpoint YMCA and Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition host a mixed media art auction. 6 pm to 7:30 pm viewing; 7:30 pm auction. 437 Grand St. (718) 389-3700.

**CONCERT:** St. Francis College Christmas. 7 pm. 180 Remsen St. (718) 489-5272. **Free.**

**GOOD COFFEEHOUSE:** Songwriting team of Ellsworth and Hicks perform. $10, $6 kids. 8 pm. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West. (718) 768-2972.

**NEXT WAVE:** Brooklyn Academy of Music and The Brooklyn Philharmonic presents "The Death of Klinghoffer." Robert Spano conducts. $55, $40, $20. 7:30 pm. Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. Also, "Alladeen," 7:30 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6. (718) 636-4111.

**SING-ALONG:** Bach Christmas Oratorio with One World Symphony. $20, $10 students and seniors. 8 pm. St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, corner of Montague and Clinton streets. (718) 462-7270.

**GALLERY PLAYERS:** "Holiday" by Philip Barry. $15, $12 seniors and children 12 and under. 8 pm. 199 14th St. (718) 595-0547.

**BRIC STUDIO:** presents Possible Fireworks: Multi-instrument music with Peter Apfelbaum and Dean Bowman. $10, $8 students and seniors. 8 pm. 57 Rockwell Place. (718) 855-7882.

**IMPACT THEATER:** presents "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. $15, $12 seniors and students. 8 pm. 190 Underhill Ave. (718) 390-7163.

**THEATER:** Brooklyn College Theater Department presents "Bedroom Farce." 8 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

**PLAY:** "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea." 9 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

## SAT, DEC 6

### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**WILD TOUR:** "Wildman" Steve Brill leads the Brooklyn wild food and ecology tour to Prospect Park. Learn about edible root vegetables and more. $10, $5 kids. 11:45 am. Meet at Grand Army Plaza entrance to Prospect Park. (914) 835-2153.

**ICE SKATING:** Brooklyn's only outdoor rink is open for the season. $5 skate rental. Sessions at 10 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 6 pm and 7 pm to 10 pm. Wollman Rink, Prospect Park. (718) 287-6431.

**BROOKLYN 101:** New York Like a Native offers an introduction to Brooklyn. Learn about the borough's history, architecture, lore and landscape. $13. 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Call for reservations and meeting place. (718) 393-7537.

**METRO TOUR:** Mauricio Lorence hosts a walking tour of Brooklyn Heights, Ft. Greene and Clinton Hill. $25. 2 pm to 5 pm. Meet at Marriott hotel, 333 Adams St. (718) 789-0430.

### PERFORMANCE

**NEXT WAVE:** Brooklyn Academy of Music presents "Alladeen," a cross-cultural and multimedia collaboration by The Builders Association and Mostly. $45, $30, $20. 7:30 pm. Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. Also, Brooklyn Academy of Music and The Brooklyn Philharmonic present "The Death of Klinghoffer." Robert Spano conducts. $55, $40, $20. 7:30 pm. Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

**LIBRARY CONCERT:** Brooklyn Heights Music Society hosts a chamber music series featuring pianist Lorraine Westcarr and the Gowanus String Quartet. 2 pm.



See art by Susan Greenstein and others on the Park Slope South & Windsor Terrace Open Studio Tour, Dec. 6 and 7.

Brooklyn Heights library, 250 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 852-0677. **Free.**

**CONCERT:** Brooklyn Youth Chorus presents its annual holiday concert. $25 preferred seating, $15 adults, $8 children 10 and under. 7:30 pm. St. Augustine Church, 116 South Elliott Pl. (718) 243-9447.

**CONCERT:** Bach at Zion performs Baroque chamber music. $15. 8 pm. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West. (718) 768-2972.

**MUSIC:** Conservatory of Music presents Ariadne Auf Naxos by Strauss with the Conservatory Orchestra. $10. 2 pm. Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4500.

**THEATER:** Brooklyn College Theater Department presents "Bedroom Farce" by Alan Ayckbourn. $12, $10 seniors, $5 students. 2 pm and 8 pm. Gershwin Theater, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4600.

**KLEZMER MUSIC:** Brooklyn Jewish Arts Gallery presents Klezmer Mountain Boys, a bluegrass band. $10, $5 members. 8 pm. Congregation B'nai Jacob, 401 Ninth St. (718) 832-1266.

**IMPACT THEATER:** presents "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. $15, $12 seniors and students. 8 pm. 190 Underhill Ave. (718) 390-7163.

**HEIGHTS PLAYERS:** presents "Cinderella" by Rogers and Hammerstein. $15, $12 children and seniors. 8 pm. 26 Willow Place. (718) 237-2752.

**GALLERY PLAYERS:** "Holiday" by Philip Barry. $15, $12 seniors and children 12 and under. 8 pm. 199 14th St. (718) 595-0547.

**PLAY:** Charlie Pineapple Theater Company presents "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea." $12. 9 pm. 248B North 8th St. (718) 907-0577.

### CHILDREN

**PROSPECT PARK ZOO:** "Presents to the Animals." Kids are invited to watch the animals get fed seasonal goodies. $5, $1.25 seniors, $1 children 12 and under. 10 am to 4:30 pm. 450 Flatbush Ave. (718) 399-7339.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack 20 and Boy Scout Troop 20. Call for reservations and ticket info. Breakfast at 10:30 am. Santa appears at noon. New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18th Avenue and 84th Street. (718) 946-6665.

**PUPPETWORKS:** "1001 Tales of the Arabian Nights" adaptation of "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp." $6, $7 adults. Ages 3 and older. 12:30 pm and 2 pm. 338 Sixth Ave. (718) 965-3391.

**AUDUBON CENTER:** Kids are invited to add their personal touch to a "Winter Mural," a giant winter scene with birds, animal tracks, decorated pine trees and hibernating creatures. 1 pm to 3 pm. Prospect Park. (718) 287-3400. **Free.**

**BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** Kids are invited to participate in World AIDS Day. $4, free for members. 2 pm to 5 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400.

### SALES

**FLEA MARKET:** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. 9 am to 5 pm. 1550 Hendrickson St. (718) 253-4404.

**GIANT SALE:** Clothing, jewelry, housewares, sporting goods, toys, collectibles and more at First Unitarian Congregational Society. 9:30 am to 3 pm. Pierrepont Street, between Clinton and Monroe streets. (718) 624-5466.

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE:** Holiday merchandise for sale at St. Mary's. 9:30 am to 4 pm. 81st Street and Ridge Boulevard. (718) 745-8481.

**CRAFTS FAIR:** at St. Andrew the Apostle Church. 10 am to 6 pm. 6713 Ridge Blvd. (718) 680-1010.

**FLEA MARKET:** Dynamite Youth Center hosts a sale. 10 am to 5 pm. 1830 Coney Island Ave. (718) 376-7923.

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**HOLIDAY FAIR:** St. Ann's hosts its 11th annual Christmas Greens and Crafts Fair. 10 am to 6 pm. Corner of Montague and Clinton streets. (718) 875-6960.

**SALE:** Brooklyn Friends School hosts its annual holiday crafts fair. 10 am to 5 pm. 375 Pearl St. (718) 852-1029.

**CRAFTS FAIR:** Handmade gifts, craft demos, silent auction, gourmet food and more. Fundraiser for PS 321. 11 am to 4 pm. 180 Seventh Ave. (718) 938-8712.

**ARTIST STUDIO:** Ernest Porcelli hosts his third annual open house and sale. Glass work, fused and leaded glass windows, plates, platters, trays, picture frames and more. 10 am to 6 pm. 543 Union St. (718) 596-4353.

**WINTER WONDERLAND:** Showcase of gifts starting at $30. Also, performances and art installation. 25 Jay St. Call. (718) 797-2557.

### OTHER

**FIRST SATURDAY:** Brooklyn Museum of Art celebrates the season with movies, music and dance. Highlights include film "Nowhere in Africa" (2003) at 8:30 pm; world music with guitarist Jon Madof from 6 pm to 8 pm; hands-on art at 6:30 pm; curator talk at 7 pm. Dance party from 9 pm to 11 pm. More. 5 pm to 11 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000. **Free.**

**HEALTHY HEART DAY:** NY Methodist Hospital and Prospect Park YMCA host a day of learning about health. 9 am to 2 pm. YMCA, 357 Ninth St. (718) 789-5267. **Free.**

**BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Newly refurbished museum offers three exhibits: "Brooklyn Works: 400 Years of Making a Living in Brooklyn," "A Building's Story," and "PS 145: Celebrating 100 Years of History." $6, $4 children and seniors. 10 am to 5 pm. 128 Pierrepont St. (718) 222-4111.

**MEETING:** International School of Brooklyn hosts a steering-committee meeting. Learn about future plans for an immersion program in French-English and Spanish-English for nursery through first grade. 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Camp Friendship, Eighth Street and Sixth Avenue. (718) 745-3522.

**ARTIST TALK:** Kentler International Drawing Space presents several artists whose works are in exhibit "Beyond the Page: 3-D and the Artist's Book." Artists discuss their work and the role of the book as art. 3 pm. 253 Van Brunt St. (718) 875-2098. **Free.**

**MEET THE ARTISTS:** Park Slope South and Windsor Terrace host a self-guided open studio tour sponsored by the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition. Artists include petrographers, painters, ceramicists, book illustrators and printmakers. Noon to 5 pm. Maps of the tour available at many shops along Seventh Avenue including Barnes and Noble, the Community Bookstore, 7th Avenue Copy Shop. Call. (718) 596-2507. **Free.**

**MICRO MUSEUM:** Vintage Victrola music, media art sale, silent art auction and more. Noon to 5 pm. 123 Smith St. (718) 797-3116.

**BAMCINEMATEK:** "Bollywood Shuffle" presents "Lagaan" (2001). $10. 2 pm and 7 pm. Film is in Hindi with English subtitles. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4100.

**OPEN HOUSE:** Center for Anti-Violence Education offers demonstrations of karate, tai chi and self-defense programs. 2 pm to 4 pm. 421 Fifth Ave. (718) 788-1775. **Free.**

**RECEPTION:** Williamsburg Art and Historical Center presents an exhibit exploring contemporary perceptions into the iconography of myth and religion. 4 pm to 7 pm. Also, group exhibit "Small Works," available for holiday purchase. 135 Broadway. (718) 486-7372. **Free.**

**GALLERY OPENING:** Textile designer Isabella shows new works. 4 pm to 7 pm. 41 Eastern Parkway. (718) 857-7513. **Free.**

**GROUP SHOW:** Hogar Collection presents arts, furniture, accessories and solutions for the home. 6 pm to 9 pm. 111 Grand St. (718) 388-5222. **Free.**

**AUCTION:** DUMBO Arts Center presents its winter event of works by emerging artists. 8 pm. 30 Washington St. (718) 694-0831.

## SUN, DEC 7

### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**5K RUN:** Prospect Park Track Club hosts its annual race. 9:30 am. Bartel Pritchard Lot. Call. (718) 595-2049.

**WILLIAMSBURG WALK:** New York Like a Native hosts a walk. Learn about this diverse neighborhood. $16. 2 pm to 4:30 pm. Call for reservations and meeting place. (718) 393-7537.

### PERFORMANCE

**MUSIC:** Kingsborough Stage Band performs music of the Big Bands. 2:30 pm. End of Oriental Boulevard. (718) 368-5596. **Free.**

**IMPACT THEATER:** and Temple Beth Emeth present "State of the Union." $20, $12 children. 3 pm. Marlborough Road and Church Avenue. (718) 282-9864.

**DANCE:** Up Bring Dance Co. hosts a workshop by Red Artists at 2 pm and a show at 3 pm. 45 Main St. Call. (718) 797-0046.

**HOLIDAY CONCERT:** at St. Finbar. Special guest is Daniel Rodriguez. $20. 3:30 pm. Benson Avenue and Bay 20th Street. (718) 236-3312.

**MUSIC SERIES:** Safe-T-Gallery hosts the DUBuQuE Music Series of new music. Today: The NOW Ensemble performs. 4 pm. 134 Bayard St. (718) 782-5920. **Free.**

**CHORAL CONCERT:** Grace Choral Society presents a program of Handel's "Messiah" (part I). $15, $10 students and seniors. 4 pm. Grace Church, 254 Hicks St. (718) 707-1411.

**CONCERT:** Music from Good Shepherd presents music with Tutti Harps. 6 pm. Avenue S and Brown Street, Marine Park. (718) 998-2800. **Free.**

**THEATER:** Brooklyn College Theater presents "Bedroom Farce." 2 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

**MUSIC:** Conservatory of Music presents Ariadne Auf Naxos. 2 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

**HEIGHTS PLAYERS:** presents "Cinderella." 2 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

**GALLERY PLAYERS:** presents "Holiday." 3 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

### CHILDREN

**BROOKLYN MUSEUM OF ART:** "Arty Facts" presents "Relationships." Members and kids under 12 free; adults $6. 11 am and 2 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000.

**BOOK FAIR:** Brooklyn Heights Synagogue hosts a fair featuring books for all ages. Family activities include arts and crafts, face painting, story time and bake sale. Noon to 5 pm. 131 Remsen St. (718) 522-2070.

**MUSIC FOR FAMILIES:** Forte String Quartet performs. Children learn about different musical styles and hear pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Borodin and Petrova. $10, $5 children. 3 pm. Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, 58 Seventh Ave. (718) 622-3300.

**PUPPETWORKS:** "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp." 12:30 pm and 2 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

### SALES

**HOLIDAY FAIR:** at St. Peter, St. Paul. 9 am to 4 pm. 191 Court St. (718) 624-3425.

**CRAFT FAIR:** at St. Andrew's Church. 10 am to 3 pm. 6713 Ridge Blvd. (718) 680-1010.

**HOLIDAY FAIR:** at St. Boniface. Gift items include soaps, candles, toys, music, jewelry, food and calendars. 10 am to 4 pm. St. Joseph High School, 80 Willoughby St. (718) 875-2096. (718) 237-1614.

**FLEA MARKET:** Sisterhood of the Flatbush Jewish Center hosts its semi-annual event. 10 am to 2 pm. 500 Church Ave. (718) 871-5200.

**HOLIDAY FAIR:** at St. Francis Xavier Lyceum. Toys, books, holiday gifts for sale. 10 am to 4 pm. 752 President St. (718) 638-1880.

### OTHER

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**OPEN HOUSE:** Scanlan Glass hosts its open house featuring works by several NYC glass artists demonstrating hot glass-blowing techniques. 11 am to 4 pm. 103 14th St. (718) 369-3645. **Free.**

**WRITERS WORKSHOP:** Poets Under Glass hosts a workshop series. Short lesson and critique for poems brought. 1 pm to 3 pm. Brooklyn Public Library, Cadman Plaza branch, 250 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 972-9848.

**HISTORY TALK:** Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, hosts the talk "The Power of Perfume Through History." Annette Green, an expert on fragrance, gives talk. 1:30 pm. Trustee Room. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. **Free.**

**SUNDAY'S AT SUNNYS:** Published authors read from their works. 3 pm. 253 Conover St. (718) 625-8211. **Free.**

**BAMCINEMATEK:** "Bollywood Shuffle" presents "Asoka" (2001). $10. 3 pm and 7 pm. Film is in Hindi with English subtitles. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4100.

**BROOKLYN MUSEUM OF ART:** Author Julius Lester presents an informal discussion of Frederic Brenner's work. $6, free for members and children 12 and under. 4 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000.

**ARTIST TALK:** Micro Museum presents Norwegian artist Britt Hennig in a talk about her work. 4 pm to 5 pm. 123 Smith St. (718) 797-3116. **Free.**

**CINEMA AT SINAI:** Congregation Mt. Sinai presents film "Truce." $9, $8 members. 4:30 pm. 250 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 875-9124.

**HALCYON CAFE:** Katia Spiegelman Lief and The New School MFA Program Writers read poetry. 1 pm. 227 Smith St. (718) 260-WAXY.

**ARTIST STUDIO:** Ernest Porcelli hosts his third annual open house. 11 am to 6 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

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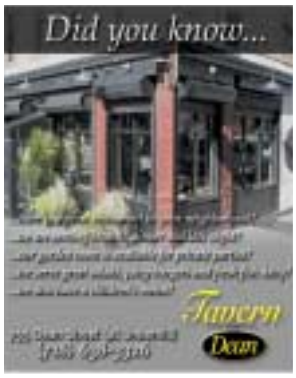
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# 'Deep' drama

## *Gut-wrenching staging of an early Shanley work in Williamsburg*

**By Paulanne Simmons**
*for The Brooklyn Papers*

The Charlie Pineapple Theater Company is located on a quiet street in Williamsburg. The theater seats two dozen people and has no fancy stage trappings. But if the company's latest production, "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea," is any indication, it is here that you may see some of the best drama this side of the East River, or perhaps the Mississippi.

"Danny and the Deep Blue Sea" was the first published play of John Patrick Shanley, a native New Yorker best known for his screenplay of the 1987 film, "Moonstruck," which starred Cher and Nicolas Cage.

"Danny and the Deep Blue Sea" was originally presented as a staged reading at the 1983 National Playwrights Conference at the Eugene O'Neill Memorial Theater Center in Waterford, Conn. It received its professional premiere at Actors Theatre of Louisville in February 1984, and in June 1984, it opened at the Circle in the Square Theatre in New York City.

The play is subtitled "An Apache Dance." Originated by Parisian ruffians, this dance is performed as a violent confrontation between two people.

In "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea," the confrontation is between Roberta (Sue Ball) and Danny (Ian Kirch), two violent and depressed borderline psychotics who meet at a bar at a time in their lives when they might otherwise have jumped into the abyss.

From the moment the lights go up on Danny and Roberta drinking beer at their separate tables, director Mark VanDerBeets keeps a steady tension going. In fact, the unrelenting misery of these two outcasts who are trapped in their own guilt and fury is so overpowering during the first half-hour of the play, it can be difficult to resist the temptation to get up and walk out.

Do not give in to this temptation!

The anxiety produced by the play is directly proportional to the rewards of watching it through to the end.

Danny and Roberta are not people most of us would like to know. Danny is a paranoid truck driver who is known as the "Beast" thanks to his constant brawling. He believes he may have killed his last victim after repeatedly punching him in the face and finally stomping on his chest. He sometimes feels he is choking, his heart is failing, and he is dying. He longs for peace.

Roberta is 31 and the mother of a 13-year-old who, she admits, is "messed up." She has committed incest with her father (whom she hates) mostly as a way to curry favor and exert power. She still lives in her parents' home, and although she thinks her mother is unaware of her unnatural activities with her father, she insists that her mother's eyes follow her wherever she goes. She feels she cannot escape, but she longs for romance and a caring touch.

Roberta and Danny speak the vulgar, disturbed language that rises from the gutter and the depth of their anguish.

Ball and Kirch perform magnificently in roles that are undeniably exhausting. Except for a few brief moments between the bar scene and the scene in Roberta's bedroom, where she eventually convinces Danny to make love to her, they are never offstage. Much of this time is spent cursing, striking, sobbing and throwing objects. The emotional energy is tremendous — and miraculously, always under perfect control. (Hats off to VanDerBeets here, too.)

But perhaps most inspiring to watch is the way Ball and Kirch take their characters through the painful stages to what turns out to be (beautifully and believably) a simple love story.

One reason "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea" is so disconcerting may be that it brings out the demons we all harbor: loneliness, isolation, fear and the memories and dreams we try to keep from the light of day. Surely what makes it so rewarding is the inexorable road to salvation it presents — a road that is paved with forgiveness and hope.


The Brooklyn Papers / Cory Morgan

**Off the deep end:** Sue Ball as Roberta and Ian Kirch as Danny in a scene from Charlie Pineapple Theater's "Danny and the Deep Blue Sea."

### THEATER

"**Danny and the Deep Blue Sea**" plays through Dec. 6, Wednesdays through Saturdays at 9 pm at the Charlie Pineapple Theater, 248B North Eighth St., between Roebling and Havemeyer streets, in Williamsburg. Tickets are $12. For reservations, call (718) 907-0577.


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**Dec. 5:** Django A Go Go celebration featuring the Hot Club of Philadelphia, 1 set for $10 or $15 for both, 8 pm and 9:30 pm; **Dec. 6:** Django A Go Go celebration featuring the Hot Club of New York with Stephane Wrembel, Olivier Monchon and guests, 1 set for $10 or $15 for both, 8 pm and 9:30 pm; **Dec. 7:** Django A Go Go celebration featuring Matt Munisteri, Will Holshouser, Jenny Scheinman, and guests, 1 set for $10 or $15 for both, 8 pm and 9:30 pm; **Dec. 9:** Sunny Jain Collective, 8 pm, FREE; **Dec. 10:** Pinataland's Dave Wechsler with Rebecca Pellegrini on violin and Serena Jost on cello, 7 pm, FREE; **Dec. 11:** Pianist Joel Forrester accompanies tap dancer Stephanie Larriere, 9 pm, FREE.

### Bennett's Bar
*7102 Fort Hamilton Parkway at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-9401.*
**Thursdays:** trivia night, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Thin Black Tie, 10 pm, FREE.

### Blah Blah Lounge
*501 11th St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 369-BLAH, www.blahblahlounge.biz*
**Wednesdays:** Open mic, 8:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 5:** DJ Krush Puppy, 9 pm, FREE, Comedy Convoy w/Ray Field, 10:30 pm, $5; **Dec. 6:** DJ Dave Marchese, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 7:** Adam Culker, 8:30 and 10 pm, $10 per set.

### Boudoir Bar
*At East End Ensemble, 273 Smith St. at Sackett Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 624-8878, www.eastendensemble.com.*
**Dec. 6:** Brooklyn Brew-Ha-Ha, 9:30 pm, $5.

### Cafe 111
*111 Court St. at State Street in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 858-2806, www.cafe111online.com.*
**Dec. 6:** Martha Redbone, Ben Eyler, Stephen Clair, SXAddict, 9 pm, FREE w/one drink minimum; **Dec. 7:** Martha Redbone, American Indian Film Festival closing night party with Lucie Idlout, Derek Miller, FREE w/one-drink minimum.

### Charleston Bar & Grill
*174 Bedford Ave. at North Seventh Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-8717.*
**Thursdays:** Open mic, 9 pm, FREE.

### Cousins II
*160 Court St. at Amity Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 596-3514.*
**Fridays:** Karaoke, 10 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** The Ducks, 10 pm, FREE.

### Delia's Lounge
*9224 Third Ave. at 92nd Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-7999, www.deliaslounge.com*
**Tuesdays:** Live jazz, 8-11 pm, $10.

### Duplexx
*46 Washington Ave. at Park Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 643-6400, www.theduplexx.com.*
**Fridays:** Bang the Party deep underground house party, 10 pm, $5 until midnight, $10 after midnight; **Saturdays:** Island Vibe DJs spin R&B, hip-hop and reggae, 10 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** Roots Reggae Caribbean music, 8 pm, FREE; after 9 pm, women pay $5 and men pay $10; **Tuesdays:** Caviar Tuesdays with karaoke and dancing, 8 pm, $10, $5 for women before 10 pm.

### Five Spot
*459 Myrtle Ave. at Washington Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 852-0202, www.fivespotsoulfood.com.*
**Mondays:** Open turntables (bring your own needles and vinyl), 8 pm, FREE; **Thursdays:** Super Lowery Bros. freestyle session with musicians, poems and singers, sign in at 9 pm, $5; **Dec. 10:** The Prism Concerts, music and avant garde, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 11:** The Gift of Gab, Good results, Farbeon, Hired Gun, Rabbi Darkside, 9 pm, FREE.

### Frank's Lounge
*660 Fulton St. at South Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (718) 625-9339, www.FranksCocktailLounge.com.*
**Thursdays:** Blues with Lonnie Youngblood, 9 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** DJs Tyrone and Julian, 10 pm, $5, DJ Kim Lightfoot (upstairs), 11 pm, $5; **Saturdays:** DJs Tyrone and Infinite, 10 pm, $5; **Sundays:** Cleave Guyton Quintet, 6 pm, FREE; **Mondays:** DJs Keith Porter and James Vincent; **Tuesdays:** DJ CX Kidronik, 9 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Karaoke with Davey B., 9 pm, FREE.

### Freddy's Bar & Backroom
*485 Dean St. at Sixth Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 622-7035, www.Freddysbackroom.com.*
**Dec. 5:** Lisa Brigantino, Stupid, Man in Grey, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Johnny Cash Joe Strummer and Jerri Ritter Tribute Night, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 7:** Country Joe & the Outlaw Band, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 8:** Ollo, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 9:** Will Vinson, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 10:** Persillage, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 11:** Plastic Beef Variety Show, 9:30 pm, FREE.

### Galapagos
*70 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 782-5188, www.galapagosartspace.com.*
**Dec. 5:** Floating vaudeville night, 10 pm, $5; **Dec. 6:** Chengwin DVD release party with DJ Spinoza and KlwerVica, 8 pm video show, 10 pm party, FREE; **Dec. 8:** Monday evening burlesque, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 9:** Mudville CD release party with Morricone Youth, Mudville, Zaman, 9 pm, $6.

### Grand Central Bar
*659 Grand St. at Leonard Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-5515, www.grandcentralbar.com.*
**Mondays:** Open mic night, 9 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** "Untie the Tongue" spoken word open mic, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 5:** Young Mike Brick & the Music Grinders, 10 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Artists' Night with Danny Chosen, Irene Mastrinalli and her trio, Mahogany Brown and Jive Poetic, Karen Rockower & the Hassle, 9 pm, $5; **Dec. 7:** "The Chemistry Set" stand-up comedy hosted by Livia Scott, 5-7 pm, FREE.

### Halcyon
*227 Smith St. at Butler Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 260-9299, www.halcyonnyc.com.*
**Fridays:** Acupuncture breakbeat party, 10 pm-2 am, FREE; **Saturdays:** Bingo-a-go-go, 9 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** Hangover Helper, noon, FREE and Undercity with residents Sheldon Drake and DJ Spinoza, Clark ov Saturn, Mercy_Killah, and HadMat spinning experimental and psychedelic chillout, 7 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Chocolate Buddha Happy Hour party with Ron Pazdey, 6 pm, FREE and Mixtape Sessions with The Almagest, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 8:** Underground Radio with KISS-FM DJ Vic Money and resident JUS-ED showcasing local dance music programming and underground community awareness, 6-9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Prozac vs. Levon Vincent (at Bingo-a-go-go), 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 7:** DSP (at Hangover Helper), 3-7 pm, FREE; **Dec. 8:** Awake Zion film screening and after party with Selector Yossi Fine, Selector King Django, Mattasyahu and Super Dane, 8 pm-2 am, $8; **Dec. 10:** The Peace Bisquit Power Hour with DJ Bill Coleman, 9 pm-1 am, FREE; **Dec. 11:** Breathe with DJ Jin.

### The Hook
*18 Commerce St. at Columbia Street in Red Hook, (718) 797-3007, www.thehookmusic.com.*
**Dec. 4:** Sam Kininger, Amun Ra, 8:30 pm, $7; **Dec. 11:** Ejectrode, Roamin' Gabriels, time and cover TBA.

### IO Restaurant
*119 Kent Ave. at North Seventh Street in Williamsburg, (718) 388-3320.*
**Dec. 6-7:** Dave Santiago and the Latin Affair, 9:30 pm, FREE.

### Jazz Spot Cafe
*179 Marcus Garvey Blvd. at Kosciuszko Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant, (718) 453-7825, www.thejazz.8m.com.*
**Mondays:** Jam session, 8 pm, $5; **Dec. 5:** Corin Stiggall, Zaid Nasser, Taru Alexander, 9 pm, $15.

### JRG Fashion Cafe
*177 Flatbush Ave. at Atlantic Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 399-7079, www.jrgentertainment.com.*
**Thursdays:** Jazz night, 8 pm, FREE; **Fridays:** Damage Band, 9 pm, FREE; **Saturdays:** International Night, 9 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** The Damage Band, 8 pm, FREE; **Mondays:** Russ Murrow & the Trio, 8 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** DJs spin, 7 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Fredrix Clark, 8 pm, FREE.


Martha Redbone will perform at Cafe 111 in Cobble Hill on Dec. 6.

### L'amour
*1545 63rd St. at 15th Avenue in Borough Park, (718) 837-9506, www.lamourrocks.com.*
**Dec. 5:** Full Blown Chaos, Through the Discipline, Imperfect, Desolate, and more, 7:30 pm, $TBA; **Dec. 6:** Gothic Knights, Exit to Eternity, Tenebrae, Operatika, more, 7:30 pm, $TBA.

### Liberty Heights Tap Room
*34 Van Dyke St. at Dwight Street in Red Hook, (718) 246-8050*
**Dec. 6:** Joel Harrison, Jen Chapin, Stephan Crump, 10 pm, FREE.

### Lillie's
*46 Beard St. at Dwight Street in Red Hook, (718) 858-9822.*
**Tuesdays:** Turntable Tuesdays with Gallagher, 9 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Sammy's Social Club, open mic, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 11:** Chance Wayne, 10 pm, $TBA.

### Low Bar
*Below Rice restaurant, 81 Washington St. at Front Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-1LOW, www.ricenyc.com/low.*
**Dec. 7:** Vintage DJ Jonathan Jacobs spins tunes from the 1930s-'60s, FREE; **Dec. 10:** Ethan Lipton hosts "Poignant Yet Parvenely Funny Songs" featuring Mike Stumm, Sporadica, Liz Ziff, DJ Muor Wiselwod, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 11:** Dan Carlson, 10 pm, FREE.

### Magnetic Field
*97 Atlantic Ave. at Henry Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 834-0069, www.MagneticBrooklyn.com.*
**Dec. 5:** Magnetic Lounge, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** The Martinets, 8:30 pm, FREE, and El Paso HiFi with DJ Dom, 10 pm, FREE; **Dec. 8:** Rock 'n' Roll Karaoke with Colin and DJ Flim Flam 9 pm - midnight, FREE.

### Meson Flamenco
*135 Atlantic Ave. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 625-7177.*
**Fridays** and **Saturdays:** Live flamenco music and dance performance, 7 pm and 11 pm, $5.

### Mezzo Cafe
*136 Montague St. at Henry Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522-2202, www.mezzocafe.com.*
**Tuesdays:** Comedy with Zev & Friends, 7:30 pm, $10; **Wednesdays:** Musicians open mic, 9 pm, FREE; **Saturdays:** Melvin "Guitar" Williams, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 5:** Ron and Jon, folk/blues, 8:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Bill Pearlstein Quartet jazz, 8:30 pm, FREE.

### National Restaurant
*273 Brighton Beach Ave. at Brighton Second Street in Brighton Beach, (718) 646-1225.*
**Fridays, Saturdays** and **Sundays:** Live Russian music and dance show, 9 pm, FREE.

### Night of the Cookers
*767 Fulton St. at South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 797-1197.*
**Thursday:** Blues, 8:30 pm, FREE; Fridays and **Saturdays:** Jazz, 10:30 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** Jazz brunch, noon, FREE.

### Northsix
*66 N. Sixth St. at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5103, www.northsix.com.*
**Dec. 4:** Panthers, 90 Day Men, Vietnam, Cheeseburger, 9 pm, $8 advance/$10 day of show; **Dec. 5:** World/Inferno Friendship Society, The Hold Steady, Zagnuts, 9 pm, $10; **Dec. 6:** Alabama Thunder Pussy, Puny Human, Smart Johns, 9 pm, $10; **Dec. 9:** Nashville Pussy, Bionic, Bantam, 9 pm, $12; **Dec. 10:** Don McCloskey, Lach & the Secrets, Levy, 9 pm, $TBA; **Dec. 11:** The Izzys, Hail Social, Cracktooth, The Soft Explosions, 9 pm, $10; **Dec. 12:** Rainer Maria, 9 pm, $12.

### ParlorJazz
*119 Vanderbilt Ave. at Myrtle Avenue in Clinton Hill, (718) 855-1981, www.parlorjazz.com.*
**Dec. 6:** The Victor Jones Quartet, 9:30 and 10:45 pm, $15 includes 2 sets, hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

### Pete's Candy Store
*709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770, www.petescandystore.com.*
**Dec. 4:** Amy Correia, Bill Ricchini, 9:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 5:** Shappy the Nerd Poet, Goats in Trees, Rachel Loshak, Morgan Taylor, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Hakeah Jorge and the Cuban Cowboys, Loggia, Meridian Hour, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 7:** Open mic, 6 pm, FREE, and Company and Company, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 8:** Abigail Chapin, Jonathon Bentley, Andrew Vladeck, Desperation Radio, 8:30 pm, FREE; **Dec. 9:** Mike Fuentes, Jamie Saserman, Charades, 9 pm, FREE; **Dec. 11:** Adam Snyder (ex Mercury Rev), 8 pm, FREE.

### Sistas' Place
*456 Nostrand Ave. at Hancock Street in Bedford Stuyvesant, (718) 398-1766, www.sistasplace.org.*
**Dec. 6:** Bluatt with guitarist Rodney Jones, drummer Lee Person, bassist Curtis Lundy, Chief Bey, 9 pm and 10:30 pm, $15-$20.

### Southpaw
*125 Fifth Ave. at St. John's Place in Park Slope, (718) 230-0236, www.spsounds.com.*
**Dec. 4:** Over the Rhine, 8:30 pm, $12 advance, $14 day of show; **Dec. 5:** Jon Langford's Ship & Pilot, Victoria Lucas & Megan Reilly, 8:30 pm, $10; **Dec. 6:** Steve Burns, 8:30 pm, $12; **Dec. 8:** RJD2 & Blueprint, Hangar 18, 8:30 pm, $15; **Dec. 11:** The Bamboo Kids, Bona Roba, Triple Hex, Scotland Yard Gospel Choir, 8 pm, $8.

### TJ Bentley's
*7110 Third Ave. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-0748.*
**Fridays:** Tom Daniels, 6:30 pm, and Latin Night, 10 pm, FREE; **Sundays:** Live big band music, 5 pm, FREE; **Tuesdays:** Karaoke, 10 pm, FREE; **Wednesdays:** Live big band music, 8 pm, FREE.

### Toybox
*256 Grand St. at Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599-1000, www.clubdux.net.*
**Saturdays:** Lingo with DJ Girlina, 8 pm, $5; **Sundays:** Playground with DJ Will and DJ Honey Dijon, 9 pm, $3; **Mondays:** Gotham indie rock night, 8 pm, $TBA; **Tuesdays:** Borderline '80s dance party with DJ Ian, 8 pm, FREE; **Thursdays:** Girl night, 8 pm, FREE.

### Two Boots
*514 Second St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 499-3253, www.twobootsbrooklyn.com.*
**Dec. 5:** Yes Virginia's Creeper, 10 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** The Bourbon Brothers, 10 pm, FREE.

### 200 Fifth
*200 Fifth Ave. at Sackett Street in Park Slope, (718) 638-2925, www.200fifth.net.*
**Thursdays:** DJ Blaze spins R&B, jazz, 9:30 pm, FREE; Fridays and **Saturdays:** Live salsa, 9:30 pm, $8; **Dec. 5:** Manny Muiiss, 11 pm, $8.

### Up Over Jazz Cafe
*351 Flatbush Ave. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 398-5413, www.upoverjazz.com.*
**Mondays:** Vincent Herring Quartet, 9:30 pm, $10; **Tuesdays:** Enos Payne Trio, 9:30 pm, $10; **Wednesdays:** Robert Glasper/Kayon Harrold Quartet, 9 pm, $10; **Thursdays:** Robert Glasper Trio, 9 pm and 11 pm, $10; Dec. 5-6: Marcus Strickland Quartet, 9 pm, 11 pm, 12:30 am, $15 plus $5 minimum per set.

### Warsaw
*261 Driggs Ave. at Eckford Street in Greenpoint, (718) 387-5252, www.polishnationalhome.com.*
**Dec. 8:** Damien Rice, Pedestrian, 9 pm, $20.

### Waterfront Ale House
*155 Atlantic Ave. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522-3794, www.waterfrontalehouse.com.*
**Dec. 5:** First Friday Blues Show with Dimitri's Black Coffee Blues Band, 11 pm, FREE; **Dec. 6:** Pete Yellin Quartet, 11 pm, FREE.

## TALK TO US...

To list your events in **Brooklyn Nightlife**, please give us as much notice as possible. Include name of venue, address with cross street, phone number for the public to call, Web site address, dates, times and admission or ticket prices. Send listings and color photos of performers via e-mail to Calendar@BrooklynPapers.com or via fax at (718) 834-9278. Listings are free and printed on a space available basis. We regret we cannot take listings over the phone.

# Where to GO...

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## Mon Dec 8

**TRY OUT**: Brooklyn Lyceum invites singers, dancers, comedians, actors, jugglers, etc. to audition for its upcoming spring vaudeville show. 6:30 pm sign-up. 227 Fourth Ave. (718) 857-4816.
**BOOK AND BAGEL**: Congregation Mt. Sinai hosts an interactive reading club. Discussion on book "Street Dreams," by Faye Kellerman. 6:45 pm. Call. 250 Cadman Plaza West. (718) 875-9124.
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**: Readings, music and caroling at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 7:30 pm. (718) 638-1880. **Free.**
**ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE**: presents "Ravishing Poe," a reading with Lou Reed and Laurie Anderson. Sold out. Limited $10 student tickets at door. 8 pm. 38 Water St. (718) 254-8779.
**KABALLAH**: Rabbi Aaron Raskin continues his weekly series, open to all regardless of background, Congregation B'nai Avraham of Brooklyn Heights, 117 Remsen St. (718) 596-3840. **Free.**
**JAM PROV**: Don Slovin hosts at Brooklyn Lyceum. $5. 8:30 pm. 227 Fourth Ave. (718) 857-4816.
**MUSIC**: MMDG Music Ensemble hosts a concert. 8:30 pm. Mark Morris Dance Center, 3 Lafayette Ave. Call for ticket info. (718) 624-8400. **Free.**
**FILM**: Barbes Traveling Cinema film series presents "Un Chien Andalou" (1928). 376 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177. **Free.**

## Tues, Dec 9

**BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**: Kids create a holiday diorama. $4, free for members. 11:30 am and 3:30 pm. 145 Brooklyn Ave. (718) 735-4400.
**MEETING**: AARP, Bay Ridge Chapter, meets. 2:30 pm. Shore Hill Housing, 9000 Shore Road. (718) 748-9114.
**CONCERT**: Long Island University presents its jazz ensemble. 1 pm. Spike Lee Screening Room, Flatbush Avenue Extension and DeKalb Avenue. (718) 488-1668. **Free.**
**PARENT'S FORUM**: YMCA of Brooklyn's after-school enrichment program hosts its first forum. 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Call. (718) 875-1190. **Free.**
**MONEY TALK**: Pratt Area Community Council series: "Bring Me to the Bank: Building and Preserving Wealth." Topic is "Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning." 6:30 pm. 266 Lefferts Place. (718) 783-3549. **Free.**
**LITERARY READING**: Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, presents "Off the Rail" series with Donald Nicholson-Smith and Julian Semilian. 7 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. **Free.**
**ARTIST TALK**: Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, presents "The Ancestral Series: Women of the Palenque." 7 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. **Free.**
**NEXT WAVE**: Brooklyn Academy of Music concludes its season with Dayton Contemporary Dance Company in "The Flight Project." Program celebrates the 100th anniversary of the maiden flight of Wilbur and Orville Wright. $45, $30, $20. 7:30 pm. Harvey Theater, 641 Fulton St. Also, BAM Dialogue with Kevin Ward, Bebe Miller, Dwight Rhoden and Jawole Willa Jo Zollar. $8, $4 friends of BAM. 6 pm. Rose Cinema, 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

## Weds, Dec 10

**BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST**: Brooklyn Public Library Foundation presents a talk with Elizabeth Graver and Jennifer Barth. Learn about the books that have influenced their lives. 8:30 am to 10 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2465. **Free.**
**FILM**: Watch Club Video series presents "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001). 2 pm. Parish Hall, 157 Montague St. (718) 875-6960. **Free.**
**FILM SERIES**: Kingsborough Community College presents movie "Wag the Dog." 3:30 pm. End of Oriental Boulevard. (718) 368-5669. **Free.**
**MEETING**: Community Board 6. 6 pm. Middle School 142, 610 Henry St. (718) 643-3027.
**WORKSHOP**: American Woman's Economic Development Corp. offers a talk "Measuring Your Business Success: Making Your Money Work for You." $35. 6 pm to 8 pm. 175 Remsen St. (718) 522-4600.
**PUBLIC HEARING**: of Community Board 7. 6:30 pm. 4201 Fourth Ave. (718) 854-0003.
**CONCERT**: Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra performs a program of works by Haydn, Holst and Debussy. Nicholas Armstrong leads. $10 contribution. 8 pm. St. Ann's Church, corner of Clinton and Montague streets. (718) 855-4722.
**NEXT WAVE**: "The Flight Project." 7:30 pm. See Tues., Dec. 9.

## Thurs, Dec 11

**SUPPORT**: Self Help for the Hard of Hearing meets. 11 am. Brooklyn College Student Center, Campus Road and East 27th Street. (718) 769-6771. **Free.**
**FILM**: St. Francis College presents "Open Range." Noon and 6 pm. 180 Remsen St. (718) 489-5272. **Free.**
**HEALTH LECTURE**: Lutheran Medical Center hosts a talk on breast cancer awareness. 2:30 pm. 9000 Shore Road. (718) 630-8230.
**OPEN HOUSE**: Pratt Area Community Council begins its 40th anniversary year. Neighborhood residents, officials and community stakeholders invited. 5 pm to 7 pm. 201 DeKalb Ave. (718) 522-2613. **Free.**
**PUBLIC MEETING**: Environment Impact Statement is made to the community on the future of Ports of New York and New Jersey. 5 pm and 7 pm. PS 1, 309 47th St. (866) 877-2747.
**CONCERT**: Brooklyn College Percussion Ensemble presents an evening of percussion and electronics. $5 donation. 7 pm. Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4500.
**HOLIDAY PARTY**: St. Rosalia-Regina Pacis Neighborhood Improvement Association hosts a holiday celebration. Raffles, Santa, music and refreshments. 7 pm. Regina Hall, 12th Avenue and 65th Street. (718) 236-5266. **Free.**
**LOW BAR**: presents readings with music in "Epistolary," a celebration of odd, funny, sad and witty letters. 7 pm. 81 Washington St. (718) 222-1LOW. **Free.**
**SUPPORT**: Individuals affected by the autoimmune disease, lupus, meet. 7 pm to 9 pm. Flatlands Church of Christ, 1371 Rogers Ave. (718) 822-6542.
**THEATER**: Brooklyn College Theater Department presents "The Littlewoods." $5. 8 pm. New Workshop Theater, Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts, Brooklyn College. One block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4500.
**BARBES BAR**: Joel Forrester and French tap dancer Stephanie Larriere perform. 9 pm. 376 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177. **Free.**
**NEXT WAVE**: "The Flight Project." 7:30 pm. See Tues., Dec. 9.
**IMPACT THEATER**: "A Christmas Carol." 8 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.

## Fri, Dec 12

**GALLERY PLAYERS**: "Holiday" by Philip Barry. $15, $12 seniors and children 12 and under. 3 pm. 199 14th St. (718) 595-0547.
**THEATER**: Brooklyn College Theater Department presents "Bedroom Farce" by Alan Ayckbourn. $12, $10 seniors, $5 students. 2 pm and 8 pm. Gershwin Theater, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues. (718) 951-4600.
**KWANZAA BENEFIT**: Sugarhill Restaurant and Supper Club hosts a benefit for needy kids. $5 and an unwrapped gift. 6 pm. 609 DeKalb Ave. (718) 753-9909.
**RECEPTION**: Momenta Art presents "The Eteam," by Barry Hylton. 6 pm to 9 pm. 72 Berry St. (718) 218-8058. **Free.**
**ART FAIR**: Pre-Kwanzaa art exhibit at Magnolia Tree Earth Center of Bedford-Stuyvesant. 6 pm. 677 Lafayette Ave. (718) 707-1457. **Free.**
**BRIC STUDIO**: Barbez plays French musette with punk and Russian traditional sounds. $10, $8 students. 8 pm. 57 Rockwell Place. (718) 855-7882.
**GOOD COFFEEHOUSE**: presents The Love Handles. $10, $6 kids. 8 pm. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, 53 Prospect Park West. (718) 768-2972.
**LOW BAR**: "Ethan Lipton Calls the Shots," neo-vaudeville performance. Performers include the Wau Wau Sisters, Marni Rice and Zero Boy. Shows at 9 pm and 10:30 pm. 81 Washington St. (718) 222-1LOW. **Free.**
**POTTERY SALE**: Claireware hosts holiday sale. 10 am to 6 pm. 543 Union St. (718) 875-3977.
**NEXT WAVE**: The Flight Project." 7:30 pm. See Tues., Dec. 9.
**HEIGHTS PLAYERS**: "Cinderella." 8 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.
**IMPACT THEATER**: "A Christmas Carol." 8 pm. See Sat., Dec. 6.
**THEATER**: Brooklyn College Department of Theater presents "The Littlewoods." 8 pm. See Thurs., Dec. 11.

# Dealing with hubby's ex

The Brooklyn Papers PARENT

**Q: "My husband's ex-wife does not want to see me, hear my voice or otherwise have anything to do with me. Their two sons visit every other weekend and one weeknight. How can I get her to cooperate with me?" — a stepmother**

**A:** Butt out, several ex-wives say. The boys' father needs to handle schedules and pickups, not subcontract the job. What about when Dad doesn't want to hear his ex-wife's voice? One mother of two teenagers and her ex-husband only communicate by registered mail.

As children across the country prepare to divide their winter breaks between two homes, many of their schedules are timed to the hour. The back and forth isn't what's tough; it's the emotional baggage they drag along.

Do you badmouth your ex in front of your kids? Compete over gifts? Send your kids on guilt trips? How well children adjust after a divorce depends on how their parents behave, researchers have found.

"Living in two homes is not as bad as adults think," says Richard A. Warshak, PhD, who has studied the impact of divorce on children for more than 25 years.

The average child can adjust to shuttling between two houses, says Warshak, author of "Divorce Poison" (Regan Books, 2003). What is burdensome: tension between parents and a nasty attitude toward one household.

"For the children's sake, it would be best if the mother would shield the boys from her own hostility," says Warshak. "If the situation is fraught with tension, the father needs to act as a buffer, not because the mother is justified, but to spare the children unnecessary stress."

Anger and hurt over divorce can often blind parents to the impact their behavior has on their children, says Warshak. Setting kids up to choose between the two homes can be gut-wrenching. Ease the way by preparing your kids for each transition, having them ready on time, and saving your tears and gripes until they're gone.

It's unrealistic for a mother to declare she will never see or hear her children's stepmother, Warshak says, but she can set boundaries: No intrusion on medical care or haircuts, for example.

A reader has advised her daughter, who has stepchildren: "Keep taking the high road, and never badmouth the mother to the kids. It hasn't been easy, but my daughter's relationship with her stepkids has gotten better and better."

Reader Ann Scott suggests the new wife should defer to the parents if there's a conflict. However, she needs to be part of the team, or she'll have no authority over the boys.

Scott, the custodial parent of a 15-year-old girl and a 12-year-old boy, has been divorced for three years. What will benefit everyone the most is for the stepmother to help her husband cooperate with the mother to parent their children. "Encourage him to take an active part in their lives ... to let his children know that he cares, and he loves them," Scott says.

"As the ex-wife learns that the new wife wants what's best for the children, and is trying to help, not interfere or take her place as the mother, I'm sure their relationship will improve," Scott says.

Other viewpoints:

• "It is out of your hands whether the ex-wife cooperates with you. Try family counseling to help the boys deal with what must be a stressful atmosphere." — a stepmother.

• "It's not your job, it's your husband's job to get the ex-wife to cooperate. Take yourself out of this schoolyard triangle. The three of you need to meet and tell the ex-wife you will help with the schedules. I did the same thing within a few months of my marriage years ago. We have been happy since." — a stepmother.

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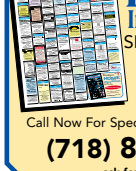
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